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OCTOBER SESSION.

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, Oct. 8th, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch, met in regular session at the Supervisors room, in the city of Coldwater, on Monday, the 8th day of October, A. D. 1900.

The Board was called te order by the Clerk, and on call of the roll the following Supervisors answered to their names:

Algansee—William W. Poats.
Batavia—Clarence L. Olds.
Bethel—Charles C. Fenner.
Bronson—William B. Bushnell.
Butler—Gilbert C. Clizbe.
California—George W. Paul.
Coldwater—Charles D. Wicker.
City, 1st Ward—Edward W. Benton.
" 2d Ward—Amariah G. Stevens.
" 3d Ward—William T. Lowry.
" 4th Ward—Fred C. Myers.
Gilead—George E. Hoopingarner.
Girard—Franklin L. Cox.
Kinderhook—James S. Ogden.
Matteson—A. C. Judd.
Noble—Charles H. Willer.
Ovid—Lewis C. Waldren.
Quincy—C. McKay.
Sherwood—Persons J. Rathburn.
Union—Albert Geer.

On motion of Supervisor Wicker, Supervisor Lowry was elected temporary Chairman.

Supervisor Stevens moved that the Board proceed to the election of a permanent Chairman, which motion prevailed.

The Chairman appointed Supervisors Stevens and Cox as tellers.

A ballot was then ordered with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 20—of which

James S. Ogden received		9
William T. Lowry	"	6
T. W. Benton	"	1
C. McKay	"	1
G. C. Clizbe	"	1
C. L. Olds	"	2
Total		20

There being no choice, a second ballot was ordered with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 20—of which

James S. Ogden received		9
William T. Lowry	"	7
C. L. Olds	"	2
E. W. Benton	"	1
G. C. Clizbe	"	1
Total		20

There being no choice, a third ballot was ordered, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 20—of which

James S. Ogden received		11
William T. Lowry	"	8
E. W. Benton	"	1

James S. Ogden having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Supervisor Cox moved that the members of the Board proceed to draw for seats, which motion prevailed.

Seats were then drawn with the following result:

Supervisor Benton drew seat No. 1.
" Stevens drew seat No. 2.
" McKay drew seat No. 3.
" Fenner drew seat No. 4.
" Wicker drew seat No. 5.
" Rathburn drew seat No. 6.
" Geer drew seat No. 7.
" Judd drew seat No. 8.
" Lowry drew seat No. 9.
" Bushnell drew seat No. 10.
" Clizbe drew seat No. 11.
" Cox drew seat No. 12.
" Willer drew seat No. 13.
" Paul drew seat No. 14.
" Hoopingarner drew seat No. 15.
" Olds drew seat No. 16.
" Waldren drew seat No. 17.
" Myers drew seat No. 18.
" Poats drew seat No. 19.

The following report of Inspectors of Jails was presented, read, and on motion of Supervisor Fenner accepted and ordered placed on file.

To Hon. Board of Supervisors:

The undersigned Inspectors of Jails for the county of Branch, in compliance with the provisions of law (Secs., 9649–9654 found on page 2318 of Howell's

Annotated Statutes of Michigan as above amended) would respectfully report:

That on the 26th day of February, 1900, they visited and carefully inspected the county jail of said county, and found as follows:

1. That during the period since the last required report and to the date of this examination, there have been confined at different times 23 prisoners, charged with offenses as follows:

Assault—Male 3, female 0; whole number 3.

Bastardy—Male 2, female 0; whole number 2.

Burglary—Male 1, female 0; whole number 1.

Carrying concealed weapons—Male 1, female 0; whole number 1.

Feloniously exposing and abandoning child—Male 1, female 0; whole number 1.

Drunk—Male 2, female 0; whole number 2.

Insane from drink and cigarette smoking—Male 1, female 0; whole number 1.

Keeping disorderly house—Male 2, female 0; whole number 2.

Larceny—Male 7, female 0; whole number 7.

Lascivious cohabitation—Male 1, female 1; whole number 2.

Obtaining money on false pretenses—Male 1, female 0; whole number 1.

Total—23.

2. There are now in jail detained for trial, 2; serving sentence, 1; awaiting sentence, 0; awaiting commitment, 0.

Number now in jail—Male 2, female 1; total 3.

Number of the above who are under 16 years of age—none.

3. Number usually confined in one room by day—all males in corridor.

Number usually confined in one room at night—one.

4. Employment in jail—none.

5. Condition of bedding, good; condition of cells, good; condition of halls, good; condition of water-closets, good.

6. What distinction, if any, is made in the treatment of prisoners? None.

7. Are prisoners under 16 years of age at any time day or night, permitted to mingle or associate with older prisoners? See Sec. 2,000, page 540, Howell's Annotated Statutes of Michigan. No.

8. Are prisoners arrested on civil process kept in rooms separate and distinct from prisoners held on criminal charges, as required by Sec. 8941, Howell's Statutes? Yes.

9. Are male and female prisoners confined in separate rooms as required by Sec. 8942, Howell's Statutes? Yes

10. Is there a proper jail record kept, and is it kept properly posted, and does it comply with Sec. 9664, page 2320 Howell's Annotated Statutes of Michigan? As near as may be.

11. What, if any, evils either in construction or management, of jail are found to exist.

The furnaces are old, worn out and incapable of heating to exceed one-

half of the jail, while three times the fuel is used that would be required to heat the building with new and modern furnaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS—The old sinks are worn out and in their present condition are unsanitary. We recommend the purchase of new porcelain sinks.

ELMER E. PALMER, Judge of Probate.
D. W. DODGE, E. BLACKMAN, } Superintendents of Poor.
WALLACE E. WRIGHT, County Agent, Etc.

Supervisor Bushnell moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

OCTOBER SESSION, SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment, at the Supervisors' Room, in the city of Coldwater, on Tuesday, the 9th day of October, A. D. 1900.

Upon call of the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following standing Committees for the ensuing year.

On Equalization—Supervisors Poats, Cox, Fenner, Myers and Olds.

On Ways and Means—Supervisors Myers, McKay and Hoopingarner.

On Sheriff's and Constable's Accounts—Supervisors Fenner, Judd, Clizbe, Rathburn and Lowry.

On Justice's Accounts—Supervisors Stevens, Waldren and Willer.

On Miscellaneous Claims—Supervisors Judd, Hoopingarner and McKay.

On County Poor and County Property—Supervisors Wicker, Lowry and Cox.

On Roads and Bridges—Supervisors Willer, Paul and Bushnell.

On County Drains—Supervisors Lowry, Geer and Benton.

On Salaries—Supervisors Benton, Clizbe and Waldren.

On Printing—Supervisors Stevens, Wicker and Benton.

On Settlement With County Treasurer—Supervisors Olds, Poats and Bushnell.

On Settlement With County Clerk—Supervisors Rathburn, Geer and Paul.

A communication from the State Board of Corrections and Charities was presented, read, and on motion of Supervisor Lowry referred to the Committee on County Poor and County Property.

The State Tax Apportionment was presented and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The following report of Inspectors of Jails was presented, read and on motion of Supervisor Lowry accepted and ordered placed on file.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The undersigned Inspectors of Jails for County of Branch, in compliance

with the provisions of law (Sections 9649-9654 found on page 2318 of Howell's Annotated Statutes of Michigan as above amended) would respectfully report:

That on the 21st day of September, 1900, they visited and carefully inspected the County Jail of said county, and found as follows:

1. That during the period since the last required report and to the date of this examination, there have been confined at different times 59 prisoners, charged with offenses as follows:

Unlawful cohabitation, male, 1: female, 1: total 2.
Unlawful exposure of child, male 1; female 0; total, 1.
Drunk, male 5; female, 0; total, 5.
Insane, male, 4; female, 0; total. 4.
Threatening to kill, male 2; female, 0; total, 2.
Rape, male, 1; female, 0; total, 1.
Neglect and Non-support, male 2; female, 0; total 2.
Selling and exhibiting obscene pictures; male, 1; female, 1; total, 2.
Larceny, male, 13; female, 0; total, 13.
Disturbing Religious meeting, male 4, female 0, total, 4.
Jumping board bill, male 2, female 0, total, 2.
Jumping Railroad trains, male 2, female 0, total, 2.
Larceny from dwelling house in day time, male 5, female 0, total,5.
Unlawfully unhitching horse, male 2, female 0, total, 2.
Assault, male 5 female 0, total, 5.
Larceny from premises, male 2, female 0, total, 2.
Abducting a female, male 1, female 0, total, 1.
Overdriving a horse, male 1, female 0, total, 1.
Obtaining goods under false pretenses, male 2, female 0, total, 2.
Receiving stolen property, male 1, female 0, total, 1.

2. There are now in jail detained for trial, 1; serving sentence, 2: awaiting sentence, 0; awaiting commitment, 0

Number now in jail—Male 3, female 0; total 3.
Number of the above who are under 16 years of age—3.
Prisoners detained for trial have been held in jail the following number of days each. One prisoner five days.

3. Number usually confined in one room by day—all in corridor.
Number usually confined in one room at night—one.

4. Employment in jail—none.

5. Condition of bedding, good; condition of cells good, except poor closets; condition of halls, good; condition of water-closets, not modern.

6. What distinction, if any, is made in the treatment of prisoners? None.

7. Are prisoners under 16 years of age at any time, day or night, permitted to mingle or associate with older prisoners? No.

8. Are prisoners arrested on civil process kept in rooms separate and dis-

tinct from prisoners held on criminal charge, as required by Sec. 8941, Howell's Statutes? Yes.

9. Are male and female prisoners confined in separate rooms as required by Sec. 8942 Howell's Statutes? Yes.

10. Is there a proper jail record kept, and is it kept properly posted, and does it comply with Sec. 9664, page 2320, Howell's Annotated Statutes of Michigan? As near as may be.

11. What, if any, evils either in construction or management of jail is found to exist?

The jail is not modern, and no way is provided for isolating prisoners as is sometimes desired and necessary. It is managed as well as possible, conducted as it is.

RECOMMENDATIONS:—This Board has repeatedly called the attention of the Board of Supervisors to the old, worn out, and in the beginning poor furnaces with which the jail is attempted to be heated. Upon careful investigation we find that a conservative estimate shows that not less than $150 per year in excess of the necessary amount, is expended in heating the jail. With this excessive and wasted expense a large part of the residence portion of the jail cannot be heated at all in extreme cold weather. We once more recommend the purchase of a steam or hot water heating plant in place of the coal consuming heating chimneys now in use,

ELMER E. PALMER, Probate Judge.
WALLACE E. WRIGHT, Agent for Corrections and Charities.
E. BLACKMAN,
D. W. DODGE,
W. H. WIEAND, } Superintendents of Poor.

The accounts of W. L. Robinson and 77 others were presented and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of G. E. Kleindinst and four others were presented and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The accounts of G. M. White and ten others were presented and referred to the Committee on Justice's Accounts.

The accounts of D. C. Card and 16 others were presented and referred to the Committee on Sheriff's and Constable's Accounts.

The Special Committee appointed at the January Session of the Board to whom was referred the matter of the purchase of a County Library, submitted the following report:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committtee appointed at the last January session of this Board to investigate the question of the purchase of certain books of law for the use of the Court and Bar of Branch County would respectfully report:

They find in the several counties constituting the first, fourth, fifth, ninth, twenty-second and thirtieth Judicial Circuits, viz: Hillsdale, Lenawee, Jackson, Eaton, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Washtenaw, Monroe and Ingham, the law books furnished by the counties for the use of the Court, are about the same

as we have, with the single exception of Kalamazoo County, where they have about 2200 volumes. We are advised that St. Joseph County has recently purchased a county library of the value of $1500, and Hillsdale County is agitating the subject. The cost of the books recommended in the petition of the members of the Branch County Bar would be as follows:

Pacific Reports, Vols. 1 to 61 inclusive	$153 00
North-eastern Reports, Vols. 1 to 56 inclusive	120 00
Atlantic Reports, Vols. 1 to 45 inclusive	99 00
South-western Reports, Vols. 1 to 57 inclusive	156 00
South-eastern Reports, Vols. 1 to 35 inclusive	79 50
Southern Reports, Vols. 1 to 27 inclusive	62 50
Digests	38 00
Encyclopedia of Pleadings and Practice, 17 Volumes.	
Encyclopedia of Law, 20 Volumes.	
Probable cost	240 00
Total	$948 00

Of the above the North-eastern and Atlantic we are advised are owned in the city, and might be omitted from the list, reducing the cost to $729. The probable cost of keeping up the works would be about $100 per annum. The committee would recommend that the appropriation of $729 for the purchase of said books, be submitted to the Committee of the Whole.

C. D. WICKER.
W. T. LOWRY,
A. G. STEVENS.

Supervisor Stevens moved that the report be laid on the table until Friday morning, which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, County Surveyor Hamilton was heard relative to certain papers in his office belonging to the city of Coldwater.

Supervisor Lowry moved that the papers in question be turned over to the City Clerk, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Cox moved that the Board meet at the County farm on Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of inspecting the buildings and repairs to the same, which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent William Young, representing the West Publishing Co., was heardrelative to the proposed County Library.

Supervisor Poats moved that the several Assessment Rolls be referred to the Committee on Equalization, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Fenner moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

JAMES S OGDEN, Chairman.

OCTOBER SESSION, THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, October 10, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch, met pursuant to adjournment, at the Supervisors' Room, in the city of Coldwater, on Wednesday, the 10th day of October, A. D. 1900.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication from the Auditor General was presented, read, and on motion of Supervisor Wicker, accepted and ordered placed on file.

The account of Volney Sweeting was presented and referred to the Committee on Drains.

The accounts of D. A. Buck and three others, were presented and referred to the Committee on Sheriff's and Constable's accounts.

The accounts of D. W. Dodge and six others were presented and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of the Coldwater Reporter and one other were presented and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Committee on Salaries submitted the following report, which on motion of Supervisor Lowry was adopted, a majority of the supervisors present voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Supervisors Bushnell, Clizbe, Wicker, Benton, Stevens, Lowry, Myers, Cox, Ogden, Waldren, McKay and Rathburn—12.

Nays—Supervisors Poats, Olds, Fenner, Paul, Hoopingarner, Judd and Willer—7.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Your Committee on Salaries would recommend that the salaries of the several county officers be fixed as follows for the respective terms to which they shall be elected.

Probate Judge	$1200 00
Probate Register	350 00
County Clerk	700 00
County Treasurer	1000 00
Prosecuting Attorney	1000 00
County Commissioner of Schools	1200 00
Janitor	400 00

E. W. BENTON,
LEWIS C. WALDREN,
GILBERT C. CLIZBE,
Committee.

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper Committees duly audited and allowed.

(See Schedule Nos. 1 to 106 inclusive).

Supervisor Cox moved that the Board not accept the invitation to take dinner at the County Farm, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Fenner moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

OCTOBER SESSION, FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, October 11, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch, met pursuant to adjournment, at the Supervisors' Room, in the city of Coldwater, on Thursday, the 11th day of October, A. D. 1900.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

The accounts of C. D. Wicker and five others were presented and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of W. W. Herendeen and three others were presented and referred to the Committee on Sheriff's and Constable's Accounts

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper committees duly audited and allowed.

(See Schedule Nos. 107 to 119 Inclusive).

The following report of the Soldiers' Relief Commission was presented and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Branch county:

The Branch County Soldiers' Relief Commission would respectfully submit the following report of the work of the Commission for the year ending September 30, 1899:

On hand Oct. 1, 1899	$270 28
Received from appropriation	400 00
Total	$670 28

Relief has been extended to 37 families of ex-Union soldiers.

Amount expended from Oct. 1, 1899, to Oct. 1, 1900	$385 75
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1900	274 40

The Commission would respectfully recommend that the sum of $400 be appropriated for the ensuing year.

S. L. KILBOURN,
I. S. BUCKLEY,
W. H. WIEAND.

The Committee on Equalization submitted the following report:

EQUALIZATION TABLE, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BRANCH COUNTY:

Your Committee on Equalization to whom the assessment rolls of the several townships and wards were referred, have examined the same and respectfully report as follows:

TOWNSHIPS AND WARDS.	Acres.	Per Acre.	Assessed.	Deducted.	Added.	Equalized.	Personal.	Total.
Algansee	21630	$25½	$ 566980	$ 15415	.....	$ 551565	$ 92770	$ 644335
Batavia	21230	29	624060	8390	.....	615670	90790	706460
Bethel	22906	27½	644110	14195	.....	629915	69700	699615
Bronson	22680	35½	826580	21440	.....	805140	218295	1023435
Butler	22526	25	591730	28580	.....	563150	70330	633480
California	13260	24	324670	6430	.....	318240	83540	401780
Coldwater township	18671	44	863850	42326	.....	821524	146585	968109
Coldwater—First Ward.	593	....	534670	11697	.....	522973	306670	829643
" —Second Ward.	920	....	506125	25345	.....	480780	628345	1109125
" —Third Ward.	685	....	574705	9895	.....	564810	403725	968535
" —Fourth Ward.	800	....	510770	912	.....	509858	264450	774308
Girard	22209	29½	659760	4605	.....	655155	111470	766625
Gilead	12925	29	385895	11070	.....	374825	72655	447480
Kinderhook	12244	24½	312940	12962	.....	299978	52410	352388
Matteson	22697	25½	578190	.....	583	578773	92540	671313
Noble	13227	22½	308300	10693	.....	297607	43780	341387
Ovid	20695	25	523115	5740	.....	517375	108700	626075
Quincy	21690	51	1176925	70735	.....	1106190	431475	1537665
Sherwood	22129	30	669430	5560	.....	663870	132900	796770
Union	21744	49½	1071100	38260	.....	1032840	389050	1421890
Total	315461		$12253905	$344250	$583	$11910238	$3810180	$15720418

WM. W. POATS,
FRANK COX,
C. L. OLDS,
C. C. FENNER,
F. C. MYERS,
Committee.

Supervisor Poats moved that the report be accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Bushnell moved to amend by reducing the value of the real property of the township of Bronson, 50 cents per acre, pending which, Supervisor Wicker moved to refer the report back to the Committee with instructions to reduce the value per acre of the real property of the township of Coldwater $2, and that of the township of Bronson, 50 cents.

The question being on the motion to refer, the same was lost, a majority of the supervisors present not voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Supervisors Bushnell, Wicker, Benton, Stevens and Rathburn—5.

Nays—Supervisors Poats, Olds, Fenner, Clizbe, Paul, Lowry, Myers, Hoopingarner, Cox, Ogden, Judd, Willer, Waldren, McKay and Geer—15

The question being on the original motion to adopt the report of the Committee, the same was adopted, a majority of the supervisors present voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Supervisors Poats, Olds, Fenner, Clizbe, Paul, Benton, Stevens, Myers, Hoopingarner, Cox, Ogden, Judd, Willer, Waldren, McKay, Rathburn and Geer—17.

Nays—Supervisors Bushnell, Wicker and Lowry—3.

Supervisor Lowry moved that a Committee of three members of the Board be appointed to investigate the differences now existing between Willard D. Hawley and the county of Branch, and report to the Board at its January session, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Myers moved that the several township clerks' statements to Supervisors be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

The County Drain Commissioner submitted the following report, which on motion of Supervisor Fenner, was accepted and ordered placed on file.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter II of Act No. 227 of the Session Laws of 1885 as amended, I have the honor herewith to submit my Annual Report as County Drain Commissioner, covering the period from January 1, 1900, to October 1, 1900.

The following named Drains were found unfinished when I entered upon the duties of my office, viz:

Betts and Extension—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit A.

Kinderhook No. 4—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit B.

Langs—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit C.

County No. 16—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit D.

Cass—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit E.

Morrison—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit F.

Gilead No. 6—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit G.

Branch No. 1 and 31—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit H.

Shippy—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit I.

Speaker No. 56—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit J.

Rappalyee No. 27—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit K.

Noble No. 3—Financial statement hereunto attached marked Exhibit L.

County No. 4—Financial statement hereunto attached and Marked Exhibit M.

West Branch No. 1, Blackwell—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit N.

Gilead No. 3—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit O.

Warren Brook No. 20 and 31—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit P.

Poats—Unfinished on account of want of time.

County No. 30—In Court.

Bowen Creek—In Court.

Gilead No. 5—Unfinished on account of want of time.

Bronson No. 14—Unfinished on account of want of time.

Weaver Drain—In Court.

Bronson and Bethel Nos. 4 and 1—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit Q.

The following named Drains have been applied for to be cleaned out, and are only partly completed, viz:

No. 40 and Extension—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit A.

Archer—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit B.

Town Line No. 1—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit C.

Knowles—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit D.

Quincy No. 9 and Extension—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit E.

Bethel No. 30—No action taken on account of want of time.

Warren Brook No. 8—No action taken on account of want of time.

Kilbourn—No action taken on account of want of time.

The following named Drains have been begun by me during the year, and are only partly completed, viz:

Gilead No. 8—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit A.

Hayes Brook—Financial statement hereunto attached and marked Exhibit B.

Lampman—Been surveyed but no further action taken on account of want of time.

The following Drain has been applied for but not established, for the reasons given:

Hills Drain—Not established because of want of time.

The following financial statements are of Drains that were found unfinished when I entered upon the duties of my office.

Financial Statement of Betts and Extension Drain.

BETTS AND EXTENSION DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT A.

Total amount of contracts	$5083 78		
Incidentals:			
P. Brumbraugh, bridges No. 2, 3, 4, 5	459 00		
O. E. Spade, bridge No. 1	40 00		
Abutments	1000 00		
I. D. Miner, surveying	174 75		
C. Fisk, work	11 25		
R. T. Nutt, work	1 50		
T. A. Hilton, work	16 50		
A. E. Morrison, work	3 00		
F. Barringer "	2 25		
Benj. Sweet, "	75		
Geo. Cole, "	5 25		
G. Peppiatt, "	75		
John Betts, "	1 50		
A. F. Archer, "	57 50		
D. Card, serving notices	12 00		
Probate Court fees	12 00		
E. Lockwood, for damages	70 00		
L. Lockwood, for damages	25 00		
Wm. Walker, for damages	25 00		
E. Teachout, for damages	23 00		
D. E. Weage, Com. fees	23 00		
Special Commissioners	18 00		
Star, printing	163 65		
Volney Sweeting Com. fees	122 25		
Writing and recording	75 00		
Ten per cent added	743 27		
Total	$8175 95	Amount assessed	$8175 95

Financial Statement of Kinderhook No. 4 Drain.

KINDERHOOK NO. 4 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT B.

Orders drawn				Balance on hand	$249 45
Oct. 11, 1899,	Victor Todd	$	4 00		
" 17 "	F. Houghtaling.		6 00		
" 28 "	Geo. Cole		27 80		
Nov: 4 "	J. W. Goodwin		11 80		
" " "	S. Jones		8 50		
" " "	A. C. Bradley		7 00		
" " "	J. W. Harris		20 00		
" " "	Wm. Miller		9 34		
" " "	E. J. Boyd		3 00		
" 11 "	E. G. Tozier		15 00		
" 25 "	J. W. Harris		10 00		
" 27 "	Andrew Knowles.		6 00		
" 9 "	Wm. P. Norton		6 00		
" 16 "	A. A. B		3 00		
" " "	D. E. Weage		43 40		
" 23 "	J. W. Harris		1 50		
Dec. 29 "	J. W. Harris		8 50		
June 23, 1900	Hoza Harris		10 00		
July 7 "	Hoza Harris		30 00		
Sept. 11 "	J. W. Harris		23 00	Re-assessed	$ 9 39
" 12 "	Volney Sweeting		5 00		
Total			8258 84	Total	$258 84

Financial Statement Langs Drain:

LANGS DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT C.

Orders drawn				Balance on hand Oct. 11, 1899	$725 66
Oct. 14, 1899,	Frank Johnson	$	10 00		
" 28 "	George Cole		25 00		
Nov. 14, 1899,	John Cunningham		25 60		
" 15, "	John Cunningham		25 00		
" 16, "	Hoza Harris		15 00		
" 16, "	L. Langs		13 00		
" 16, "	L. Langs		95 00		
" 16, "	L. Langs		42 00		
" 17, "	Daniel E. Weage		12 00		
" 25, "	Frank Johnson		26 00		
" 25, "	George Cole		10 00		
" 27, "	Chas. German		17 20		
" 27, "	Ira Taylor		8 00		

Dec. 12,	"	Hoza Harris.....	31 00		
" 16.	"	L. Langs.....	31 75		
" 23.	"	L. F. Casebeer.....	15 00		
" 27.	"	John March.....	125 00		
" 27,	"	John Arnold	4 50		
" 27,	"	Hoza Harris.....	10 00		
" 28,	"	Daniel E. Weage..	25 00		
" 30.	"	L. Langs.....	23 60		
" 30,	"	Major McIntyre...	58 50		
Jan. 6, 1900.					
" 6,	"	John Cunningham.	4 00		
" 6,	"	L. Langs.....	4 00		
" 20,	"	John Cunningham.	26 20		
" 20,	"	Hoza Harris.....	11 80		
July 4,	"	John Cunningham	23 55		
" 4,	"	Lycurgus Langs...	66 45		
Aug. 4,	"	Volney Sweeting..	10 25	Re-assessed ....$	68 74
Total.....			$794 40	Total ....$	794 40

Financial Statement of County No. 16 Drain.

COUNTY NO. 16 DRAIN FUND.

Orders drawn				Balance on hand Oct 11, 1889....$	17 83
Nov. 4, 1899,	Wm. M. Monroe..$	7 50			
Dec. 28,	" D. A. Buck.....	1 00			
Dec. 30;	" Coldwater Sun....	11 80			
Jan. 3,	" Daniel E. Weage..	14 05	Re-assessed..... .....$	16 52	
Total.....		$34 35	Total ....$	34 35	

Financial Statement of Cass Drain.

CASS DRAIN, EXHIBIT E.

Orders drawn				Balance on hand Oct. 11, 1899...$	673 34
Oct. 11, 1899,	Victor Todd.....$	3 00			
" 14,	" Hoza Harris.....	25 00			
" 14,	" Hoza Harris.....	50 00			
Nov. 4,	" Hoza Harris.....	27 80			
" 11,	" Earl Wilson.....	75			
" 18,	" F. M. Rudd.....	13 58			
" 20,	" H. P. Woodward.	15 00			
" 20,	" H. P. Woodward.	30 00			
" 25,	" E. L. Whitten....	1 50			
27,	" Victor Todd.....	4 00			

Dec. 1,	"	I. D. Miner.....	2 25			
" 1,	"	I. D. Miner.....	26 75			
" 2,	"	Harvey Dufur....	1 50			
" 6,	"	Lewis Cass.....	50 00			
" 16,	"	John Prigeon ...	10 00			
" 19,	"	Martin Lilly.....	14 50			
" 27,	"	Chas. B. Hoard..	25 00			
" 28,	"	D. E. Weage.....	16 50			
" 29,	"	H. P. Woodward.	20 00			
" 29,	"	Martin Lilly.. ...	3 00			
Jan. 24, 1900,		H. P. Woodward.	115 42			
" 24,	"	H. P. Woodward.	62 21			
Feb. 17,	"	Lewis Cass.....	75 00			
" 17,	"	David Cass.	2 15			
Mar. 17,	"	V. Sweeting.....	15 80			
Apr'l 28	"	H. P. Woodward.	10 20			
May 24,	"	C. B. Hoard.....	24 60			
June 23,	"	Lewis Cass	20 00			
July 21,	"	Lewis Cass	7 00			
Aug. 4,	"	Volney Sweeting.	3 50	Re-assessed	$	2 70
Total.....		.....$676 11		Total	$676	11

Financial Statement of Morrison Drain.

MORRISON DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT F.

Orders drawn				Balance on hand Oct. 11, 1899..	$24	65
Dec. 28, 1899,	Coldwater Reporter	$ 2 36				
" 30,	" Charles Mowry.....	14 15				
" 30,	" Charles Mowry....	4 95				
" 29,	" D. A. Buck.....	1 00				
Jan. 3, 1900,	D. E. Weage.....	3 50	Re-assessed.....	$	1	31
Total.		.....$25 95	Total.....	$25	95	

Financial Statement of Gilead No. 6 Drain.

GILEAD NO. 6 DRAIN FUND, EXHIBIT G.

Orders drawn				Balance on hand Oct. 11, 1899..	$109	48
Dec. 15, 1899,	D. E. Weage.....	$ 23 00				
" 23,	" George Cole.....	12 80				
" 30,	" Coldwater Sun...	11 80				
Jan. 20, 1900,	George Cole.....	10 40				
" 20,	" Hoza Harris	38 40				
Feb. 24,	" D. Rubley.....	2 00				
Mar. 17,	" Volney Sweeting..	12 00	Re-assessed	$		92
Total,.....		.....$110 40	Total.....	$110	40	

Financial Statement Branch No. 1, Branch No. 31 Drain.

BRANCH NO. 1. BRANCH NO. 31 DRAIN FUND, EXHIBIT H.

Orders drawn			Balance on hand Oct. 11, 1899...	$115 91
Nov. 18, 1899,	C. O. Bingham...	$ 15 00		
Dec. 28,	" Coldwat'r Report'r	2 36		
" 30,	" C. O. Bingham. ..	20 00		
" 30,	" Chas. Mowry... .	36 61		
" 30,	" Chas. Mowry.. ..	8 14		
" 29,	" D. A. Buck.....	1 00		
Jan. 3, 1900,	D. E. Weage	7 50		
" 27,	" C. O. Bingham...	23 50		
Ap'il 14,	" Volney Sweeting..	1 80		
Total.....		$115 91	Total.....	$115 91

Financial Statement of Shippy Drain.

SHIPPY DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT I.

Orders drawn			Balance on hand at last report,	
Oct. 28, 1899	J. Cunningham...	$500 00	Oct. 11, 1899....	$749 94
" 28,	" J. Kolossa.....	2 25		
Dec. 9,	" Lando Warner....	27 63		
" 20,	" Anton Cabbage...	13 65		
" 28,	" Wm. Herendeen...	2 00		
" 28,	" D. E. Weage.....	21 12		
" 28,	" D. E. Weage.....	45 78		
" 30,	" Coldwater Sun....	16 00		
Jan. 20, 1900,	Jacob Shioski....	5 04		
" 20,	" J. Cunningham...	65 77		
" 20,	" John Bogats..	15 25		
" 25,	" John Cunningham.	12 85		
Mar. 17	" V. Sweeting.... .	12 00		
Sept 28	" Burnley Foote... .	2 00		
Oct. 1,	" Balance on hand..	8 60		
Total.....		$749 94	Total.....	$749 94

Financial Statement of Speaker No. 36 Drain.

SPEAKER NO. 36 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT J.

		Orders drawn		
Total amount contracts.....	$806 77	Sept. 20, 1899,	Harry Wilson..	$ 7 50
Incidentals:		" 20,	" Henry Seymour.	3 00
Harry Wilson, work.....	7 50	" 20,	" D. E. Weage ...	40 00
George Stulting, work.....	9 00	" 20.	" Geo. Stulting ..	9 00
V. Todd, surveying.....	65 00			

Byron Walworth, work	4 00	Oct,	11,	" Victor Todd....	30 00
L. B. Burnett, work.....	1 00	"	11,	" Victor Todd....	35 00
Coldwater Sun, work.....	19 65	"	28,	" J. F. Crawford..	39 10
W. Herendeen, work.....	4 00	"	21,	" C. M. Baldwin..	96 00
D. Buck, serving notices.....	4 00	"	28,	" C. F. Crawford..	32 90
D. E. Weage, Commis'er's fees	22 00	Nov	4,	" C. M. Baldwin...	80 00
Writing and recording.....	18 00	Dec.	16,	" C. A. Mastin....	30 00
Ten per cent added	96 09	"	21,	" John Cass.....	60 00
		"	28,	" D. A. Buck.....	4 00
		"	28,	" Wm. Herendeen..	4 00
		"	28,	" D. A. Buck.....	1 10
		"	28,	" D. E. Weage....	54 50
		"	30,	" Coldwater Sun...	19 65
		Mar	17, 1900,	C. M. Baldwin...	30 40
		"	17,	" Volney Sweeting	3 00
		May	5,	" Frank Johnson..	10 00
		"	5,	" C. A. Mastin.....	40 00
		"	5,	" C. A. Mastin....	25 25
		"	12,	" Frank Johnson..	66 80
		June	9,	" C. M. Baldwin...	10 00
		"	27,	" C. B. Hoard.....	112 00
		"	27,	" C. B. Hoard.....	2 00
		"	27,	" Volney Sweeting	9 00
		May	20,	" C. M. Baldwin..	66 32
		Oct.	1,	" Balance on hand	136 49
Total.....	$1057 01	Total.....			$1057 01

Financial Statement of Rappalyea Drain No. 27.

RAPPALYEA NO. 27 DRAIN FUND XHIBIT K.

		Orders drawn	
Total amount of contracts.....	$340 71	Nov. 27, 1899, Victor Todd.....	$ 5 00
Incidentals:		Dec. 28, " D. A. Buck.....	3 50
V. Todd, surveyor fees.....	5 00	" 28, " D. E. Weage.....	27 00
D. Buck.....	3 50	" 30, " Coldwater Star...	11 25
D. Weage.....	12 00	May 12, 1900, Hoza Harris.....	59 20
Writing and recording.....	12 00	" 26, " Hoza Harris.....	54 80
Coldwater Star	11 25	June 9, " Hoza Harris.....	53 60
N. Crawford.....	1 00	" 23, " Hoza Harris.....	41 60
Stephen Otis.....	1 00	July 26, " Hoza Harris.....	60 00
Ten per cent added.....	38 65	Oct. 1, " Balance on hand..	109 16
Total.....	$425 11	Total.....	$425 11

Financial Statement of Noble No, 3 Drain.

NOBLE NO. 3 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT L.

Amount of contracts	$250 86	Orders drawn		
Incidentals:		Dec. 28, 1899,	D. A. Buck	4 00
J. Daly, work	1 00	" 28, "	D. A. Buck	3 75
J. W. Hoard, work	1 00	" 28, "	Coldwa'r Report'r	9 40
Reporter, printing	9 40	April 14, 1900,	D. E. Weage	30 00
D. Weage, commis'ers services	9 00	" 21, "	J. Cunningham	22 00
Writing and recording	15 00	May 2, "	J. W. Hoard	1 00
Ten per cent added	28 62	" 12, "	J. W. Hoard	32 00
		Sept. 25, "	J. Cunningham	32 00
		Oct. 1. "	Balance on hand	130 73
Total	$314 88	Total		$314 88

Financial Statement of County No. 4 Drain.

COUNTY NO. 4 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT M.

Total amount of contracts	$305 28	Orders drawn		
Incidentals:		Nov. 27, 1899,	Victor Todd	$ 4 00
Star, printing	7 05	Dec. 4, "	W. J. Smalley	6 00
W. J. Smalley, work	6 00	" 28, "	D. E. Weage	14 00
D. Weage, commissioner's fees	6 00	" 30, "	Coldwater Star	7 05
Writing and decorating	7 00	Aug. 11, 1900,	C. B. Hoard	121 60
Victor Todd, surveying	5 00	" 11, "	C. B. Hoard	6 65
Ten per cent added	33 63	" 11. "	C. B. Hoard	1 00
		Sept. 15, "	John Potter	26 60
		Oct. 1, "	Balance on hand	183 06
Total	$369 96	Total		$369 96

Financial Statement of West Branch No. 1 Blackwell Drain.

WEST BRANCH NO. 1 BLACKWELL DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT N.

Total amount of contracts	$176 36	Orders drawn		
Incidentals:		Nov. 27, 1899,	Victor Todd	4 00
Sun, Printing	7 60	Dec. 14. "	C. A. Mastin	23 60
D. E. Weage	13 00	" 28, "	Wm. Burch	36 00
Writing and recording	10 00	" 28, "	Wm C. Thornton	32 76
Victor Todd	4 00	" 28, "	Presley Wolf	47 20
Francis Thornton	1 00	" 2$, "	Francis Thornt'n	1 00
C. A. Mastin, work	1 00	" 28, "	C. A. Mastin	1 00
C. A. Mastin, work	1 00	" 28, "	D. E. Weage	24 00
Ten per cent added	21 40	" 28, "	Coldwater Sun	7 60
		May 12, 1900,	Mike Francisco	36 80
		Oct. 1, "	Balance on hand	21 40
Total	$235 36	Total		$235 36

Financial Statement of Gilead No. 3 Drain.

GILEAD NO. 3 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT O.

Total amount of contracts	$240 99	Orders drawn			
Incidentals:		Dec. 27, 1899,	Victor Todd		$ 27 00
Coldwater Sun	26 50	" 28, "	D. E. Weage		55 50
D. Weage, commission'rs fees	31 00	" 30, "	Coldwater Sun.		26 50
V. Todd, surveyor	27 00	July 4, 1900,	L. S. Davis		26 40
J. Arnold, services	12 00	Oct. 1, "	Balance on hand		382 14
D. O. Chapman, work	4 00				
Ezra Davis, work	3 00				
John Doerr	26 00				
Writing and recording	20 00				
Ten per cent added	47 05				
Total	$517 54	Total			$517 54

Financial Statement of Warren Brook Nos. 20 and 31 Drain.

WARREN BROOK NO. 20 AND 31 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT P.

Total amount of contracts	$1024 00	Orders drawn			
Incidentals:		Dec. 21, 1899,	Geo. Russell		$4 00
Coldwater Star	16 45	" 21, "	J. B. Tuckey		4 00
D. Card, serving notices	4 00	" 21, "	Geo. Dingham		4 00
W. Herendeen	4 00	" 27, "	Victor Todd		4 00
Geo. Russell, surveying	4 00	" 28, "	D C. Card		4 00
Geo. Dingman, surveying	4 00	" 28, "	Wm. Herendeen		4 00
J. B. Tuckey, surveying	4 00	" 28, "	Daniel Weage		61 00
M. L. Henry, work	3 00	" 30, "	Coldwater Star		16 45
D. E. Weage, com. fees	30 00	Sept 22, 1900,	Hoza Harris		69 00
Writing and recording	25 00	" 13, "	Hoza Harris		75 00
Victor Todd, surveyor	4 00	Oct. 1, "	Balance on hand		990 34
A. Van Patten, work	1 00				
Ten per cent added	112 34				
Total	$1235 79	Total			$1235 79

Financial Statement of Bronson and Bethel Nos. 4 and 1 Drain.

BRONSON AND BETHEL NO. 4 AND 1 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT S.

Orders drawn			
Oct. 5, 1899,	D. E. Weage, commissioner's fees		$ 22 00
" 14, "	L. Finney, work		1 50
" 28, "	J. Cunningham		2 00
Nov. 2, "	V. Todd, surveying and work		17 00
Dec. 1, "	C. Chicorski, work		2 25
" 20, "	V. Lawniczak, work on Sec. 6		31 20
" 20, "	A. Mickolizak, work on Sec. 8		24 80

" 20,	"	Wm. Beloski, work on Sec. 9 and 10	35 20	
" 20,	"	Geo Smoker, work on Sec. 11	8 40	
" 20,	"	Frank Yesh, work on Sec. 13	15 40	
" 22,	"	N. W. Crow, work on Sec. 4, 5 and 12	69 40	
" 23,	"	Tom Linch, work on Sec. 2	17 60	
" 23,	"	Tom Linch, work on Sec. 3	23 20	
" 28,	"	Wm. Herendeen, delivering rolls	2 00	
" 30,	"	Coldwater Star, printing	14 10	
" 30,	"	John Secor, work on Sec. 1	16 00	
Jan 3, 1900,		D. E. Weage, services	26 00	
Mar 17,	"	V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	3 00	
June 27,	"	V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	3 00	
Aug. 15,	"	V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	3 00	
Aug. 30,	"	Mike Yesh, work on Sec. 7	18 28	
Aug 30,	"	Mike Yesh, work on Sec. 7	13 72	
		Amount assessed		$374 33
		Re-assessed		72
		Total	$375 05	$375 05

The following Financial Statements are of Drains that have been applied for to be cleaned out:

Financial Statement of No. 40 and Extension Drain.

NO. 40 AND EXTENSION DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT A.

Total amount of contracts	$ 899 00	Amount assessed	$1051 43
Incidentals:			
V. Sweeting, com. fees	7 50		
W. Magley, work	1 50		
Wm. Harger, work	2 25		
L. Dickey, work	1 50		
F. Harger, work	5 25		
Courier, printing	3 50		
E. Tozier, leveling	8 00		
Asher Archer, work	27 42		
Ten per cent added	95 51		
Total	$1051 43	Total	$1051 45

Financial Statement of Archer Drain.

ARCHER DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT B.

Total amount of contracts	$ 56 58	Amount assessed	$155 04
Incidentals:			
V. Sweeting, com. fees	3 00		
Cost of tile	43 20		
A. F. Archer, work	4 00		

Wm. Harger, work	75		
F. Harger, work	75		
Star, printing	4 95		
Drawing tile	10 72		
Catch basin	5 00		
Writing and recording	12 00		
Ten per cent added	14 09		
Total	$155 04	Total	$155 04

Financial Statement of Town Line No. 1 Drain.

TOWN LINE NO. 1 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT C.

Total amount of contracts	$49 00	Amount assessed	$83 65
Incidentals:			
Courier, printing	4 50		
A. Archer, work	2 55		
Lewis Tift, work	3 00		
E. Tozier, surveyor	4 00		
V. Sweeting, commissioner's. fees	9 00		
Writing and recording	4 00		
Ten per cent added	7 60		
Total	$83 65	Total	$83 65

Financial Statement of Knowles Drain.

KNOWLES DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT D.

Total amount of contracts	$ 82 30	Amount assessed	$127 33
Incidentals:			
S. Knowles, work	8 00		
V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	13 50		
Courier, printing	4 45		
A. Archer, work	1 50		
Writing and recording	6 00		
Ten per cent added	11 58		
Total	$127 33	Total	$127 33

Financial Statement of Quincy No. 9 and Extension Drain.

QUINCY NO. 9 AND EXTENSION DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT E.

Total amount of contracts	$ 90 40	Amount assessed	$137 50
Courier, printing	4 45		
A. Archer, work	15 00		
Postal cards	15		
Writing and recording	6 00		
V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	7 50		

B. Archer, work	75		
R. Coffman, work	75		
Ten per cent added	12 50		
Total	$137 50	Total	$137 50

The following named Drains have been begun by me during the year:

Financial Statement of Gilead No. 8 Drain,

GILEAD NO. 8 DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT A.

Total amount of contracts	$249 80	Amount assessed	$590 65
Incidentals:			
C. Hamilton, surveyor	30 00		
Courier, printing	22 30		
V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	30 00		
A. Archer, work	1 50		
Writing and recording	20 00		
Drawing tile	34 00		
Lowry & Van Aken, tile	141 35		
Geo. Bixler, work	2 00		
Geo. Failor, work	1 50		
A. and M. Corey, work	3 00		
Myron Corey, work	1 50		
Ten per cent added	53 70		
Total	$590 65	Total	$590 65

Financial Statement of Hayes Brook Drain.

HAYES BROOK DRAIN FUND EXHIBIT B.

Total amount of contracts	$338 20	Amount assessed	$467 50
Incidentals:			
Courier, printing	22 30		
D. C. Card, serving notices	4 00		
Recording and printing	15 00		
A. Archer, work	4 00		
G. Hamilton, surveying	16 00		
Wm. McCarty, work	4 50		
V. Sweeting, commissioner's fees	21 00		
Ten per cent added	42 50		
Total	$467 50	Total	$467 50

And I do hereby certify that the above embraces a full and true report of all the drains constructed, finished or begun under my supervision or applied

for during the year now ending, and that the financial statement of each drain is true and correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated this 11th day of October, A. D. 1900.

VOLNEY SWEETING,

County Drain Commissioner of the County of Branch.

Supervisor Fenner moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

OCTOBER SESSION FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY, Oct. 12, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment, at the supervisor's room, in the city of Coldwater, on Friday, the 12th day of October, A. D. 1900.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

The account of J. B. Branch & Co. was presented and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The account of L. F. Berry was presented and referred to the Committee on Sheriff's and Constable's Accounts.

The account of G. E. Kleindinst was presented and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper committees, duly audited and allowed.

(See Schedule Nos. 120 to 125 inclusive).

The Committee on County Poor and County Property submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on County Poor and County Property would respectfully report: In the matter of improved method and saving of fuel in heating the jail, that the best and most economical in the end would be a steam plant, therefore believing that the saving in fuel alone would in five or six years pay the entire cost of putting in such plant, we would recommend that a steam heating system replace the old furnaces in the jail. We would also recommend that conveniences for giving prisoners baths be placed in the south corridor of the jail. We would also recommend that additional roller shelves and file cases be placed in the west end of the vault in the county clerk's office as this is absolutely necessary, many of the cases now in being crowded with files that properly belong elsewhere. We would also recommend that the floor in the office of the drain commissioner be covered with linoleum to correspond with the other offices in the court house.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. WICKER,
W. T. LOWRY,
FRANK L. COX.

Supervisor Lowry moved that the report be accepted, which motion prevailed:

Supervisor Wicker moved that the report be adopted, and that the Committee be instructed to carry out its provisions, which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Ways and Means submitted the following report, which on motion of Supervisor Benton, was accepted and adopted, a majority of all the supervisors present voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Supervisors Poats, Olds, Fenner, Bushnell, Clizbe, Paul, Wicker, Benton, Stevens, Lowry, Myers, Hoopingarner, Cox, Ogden, Judd, Willer, Waldren, McKay, Rathburn and Geer—20.

Nays—None.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County.

Your Committee on Ways and Means respectfully submit the following estimate of amounts necessary to be raised by tax for county purposes, including the amount voted by the people at last Spring's election, for the year 1900, and recommend its adoption:

Supervisors' orders	$ 9000 00
Superintendents of poor orders	15000 00
Jury orders	1000 00
Witness orders	400 00
Circuit Court orders	500 00
Detroit House of Correction	400 00
Insane Asylum	800 00
Soldiers' Relief Fund	400 00
Salary of Probate Judge	1200 00
Salary of Probate Register	350 00
Salary of County Clerk	700 00
Salary of County Treasurer	1000 00
Salary of Prosecuting Attorney	1021 10
Salary of School Commissioner	1200 00
Salary of School Examiners	200 00
Salary of Janitor	400 00
Indebtedness to State	58 75
Total estimates of disbursements	$33629 83
State tax for the year 1900	$50008 99
Total state and county tax	$83638 82

FRED C. MYERS.
C. McKAY,
G. B. HOOPINGARNER,
Committee.

The Chairman appointed as the special committee to investigate the matter between the county and W. D. Hawley, Supervisors Olds, Cox and Wicker,

A communication from I. D. Miner, ex-county surveyor, was presented, and on motion of Supervisor Clizbe ordered laid on the table

Supervisor Wicker moved that the Board proceed to vote on the report of the special committee in the matter of the proposed law library, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Olds moved that the report of the committee be laid on the table until the January session, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Fenner moved that the Board proceed to the election of a superintendent of the poor, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Wicker moved that the chairman appoint two tellers, which motion prevailed.

The chairman appointed as tellers, Supervisors McKay and Fenner.

A ballot was then ordered with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 20, of which W. H. Wieand received 12, David H. Paul received 8—20.

W. H. Wieand having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected superintendent of the poor for the ensuing three years.

The Board then proceeded to the election of a member of the Board of School Examiners.

Supervisor Fenner presented the name of Orrin S. Bathrick.

There being no other candidates Supervisor Benton moved that the tellers cast the unanimous ballot for Orrin S. Bathrick, which motion prevailed.

The ballot was so cast and Orrin S. Bathrick declared duly elected.

The Board then proceeded to the election of three members of the Board of County Canvassers.

Supervisor Myers presented the name of H. A. Wirley as the first member of said Board.

There being no other candidates, Supervisor Benton moved that the teller cast the unanimous ballot for H. A. Wirley, which motion prevailed.

The ballot was so cast, and H. A. Wirley declared duly elected.

Supervisor Geer presented the name of Charles E. Day as the second member of said Board.

There being no other candidates. Supervisor Benton moved that the tellers cast the unanimous ballot for Charles E. Day, which motion prevailed.

The ballot was so cast and Charles E. Day declared duly elected.

Supervisor Stevens presented the name of John Hardenbrook as the third member of said Board.

There being no other candidates, Supervisor Paul moved that the tellers cast the unanimous ballot for John Hardenbrook which motion prevailed.

The ballot was so cast, and John Hardenbrook declared duly elected.

The Board of Superintendents of the Poor submitted the following report, which on motion of Supervisor Fenner was accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch:

The Board of Superintendents of the Poor for the county of Branch, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending June 30, 1900:

The expense of maintaining the poor farm, including the extensive repairs on buildings, the erection of new buildings, the purchase of two new boilers, steam laundry and changing the coal house into a hospital, was $8071.59.

There has been expended for furniture, $209.92; for repairs on buildings, $381.06; for new buildings, $1372.34.

Other improvements which include two new boilers and steam laundry $1865.54.

There was also purchased a span of horses at a cost of $275.00.

Amount received from sale of farm products, $409.13.

The number of inmates maintained at the county farm during the year was 73; number present June 30th, 36; average number, 54.

Total number of persons outside the poor house temporarily relieved, 746.

Amount of money expended for temporary relief, $4017.27.

Respectfully submitted,

EDSON BLACKMAN,
W. H. WIEAND,
DEWIT W. DODGE.

The Board of Superintendents of the Poor for the County of Branch, would respectfully submit the following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year:

For maintenance of the poor house and farm..... .....$7000 00
For temporary relief..... ..... 5500 00

EDSON BLACKMAN,
W. H. WIEAND,
DEWIT W. DODGE.

Supervisor Fenner moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

OCTOBER SESSION, SIXTH DAY, SATURDAY, Oct. 13th, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors' room in the city of Coldwater, on Saturday, the 13th day of October, A. D 1900.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

The account of Charles B. Merrifield was presented and referred to the Committee on Sheriff's and Constable's Accounts.

The account of Mortimer Vosburgh was presented and referred to the Committee on Justices' Accounts.

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper committees duly audited and allowed.

(See Schedule Nos. 126 to 135 inclusive).

The Committee on Ways and Means submitted the following report, which

on motion of Supervisor Lowry was adopted, a majority of all the supervisors present voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Supervisors Poats, Olds, Fenner, Bushnell, Clizbe, Paul, Wicker, Benton, Stevens, Lowry, Myers, Hoopingarner, Cox, Ogden, Judd, Willer, Waldren, McKay, Rathburn and Geer—20.

Nays—None.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Ways and Means having reported the amounts necessary to be raised for state and county tax, would further report that they have apportioned the same among the several townships and wards. We have examined all certificates, statements and papers submitted to us showing the amounts of money to be raised by tax in the several townships and wards, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Algansee:

For state tax	$2049 72	District No. 8	125 00
county tax	1378 37	11	130 00
township tax	600 00	12	248 50
highway tax	1000 00	2 fr A C & O	129 64
drain tax, township at large	121 05	10 fr Q & A	23 35
special highway tax	115 00	4 fr Reading & A	46 65
school tax, voted as follows		Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as morefully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor	324 49
District No. 1	165 00		
13 fr	68 25		
14	100 00		
5	145 00		
6	100 00		

That there be levied and assessed upon the property of Leon Clark for erecting a line fence $20 67

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Batavia:

For state tax	$2247 35	District No. 6	100 00
county tax	1511 27	7	132 00
township tax	350 00	8	100 00
highway tax	150 00	9	125 00
special highway tax	100 00	10 fr G & B	14 75
School tax, voted as follows:		3 fr B & B	15 36
District No. 1	105 00	14 fr U & B	51 95
3	150 00	1 fr C & B	49 86
4	140 86	2 fr C & B	45 93
5	125 00	1 fr M & B	6 17

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Bethel:

For state tax	$2225 58	School tax voted as follows:	
county tax	1496 63	District No. 1 fr B & Bronson.	445 53
township tax	400 00	1 fr B & G	28 06
highway tax	800 00	2 fr B & G	27 75
drain tax, township at large.	2 10	3 fr B & O	34 16
cemetery tax	100 00	6 fr B & Batavia	40 72
Road machines:		1	100 00
Districts No. 9, 15, 16, 25 & 37	53 10	2	115 00
8, 20, 24, 26, 30 & 34	53 10	3	134 64
10, 13, 27, 39 & 33	53 10	4	64 37
3, 19, 28 & 32	55 80	5	97 00
1, 2, 5 & 6	55 80	6	91 06
		7	154 92
		8	125 00

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor $180 99

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Bronson:

For state tax	$3255 70	District No. 3 fr	69 36
county tax	2189 36	4	100 00
township tax	800 00	5 fr	57 68
highway tax	600 00	6	75 00
drain tax, township at large.	2 40	7 fr	54 42
bounty tax	515 05	8	25 00
library tax	250 00	9	100 00
School tax, voted as follows:		4 fr B & Bethel	10 62
District No. 1	2554 47	5 fr B & Burr Oak	10 58
2	160 00		

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor $10 51

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Butler:

For state tax	$2015 19	District No. 6 fr Q & B	34 15
county tax	1355 15	7 fr G & B	28 46
township tax	500 00	9 fr Q C & B	10 39
highway tax	400 00	1	75 00
drain tax	857 13	2	110 00
road grader	305 75	3	75 00
School tax, voted as follows:		4	80 00
District No. 5 fr L & B	10 40	6	150 00
5 fr Q L A & B	28 81	7	200 00

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of California:

For state tax	$1278 13	School tax, voted as follows:	
county tax	859 49	District No. 1	435 00
township tax	275 00	2 fr C A & O	138 19
highway tax	150 00	4 fr C & Camden.	65 12
Drain tax, (Cass Drain)	12 55	5 fr C & K	162 59
Drain tax, (Town Line Drain)	32 00	6	150 00
Scraper tax, Dists. 9, 12 & 14	52 49	7	140 00
Cemetery tax	45 00	8	150 00

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Coldwater:

For state tax	$3079 69	District No. 1 fr C & B	75 14
county tax	2071 00	2 fr C & B	89 07
township tax	500 00	3 fr C & O	73 00
highway tax	1000 00	7	50 00
Drain tax, township at large	128 19	8 fr C & O	172 17
School tax, voted as follows:		9 fr C & G	22 73
District No. 9 C B & Q	41 14	10	100 00
10 C U B & G	8 02	14	40 00
16 fr C & G	110 37	15	110 00

Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor, Drain No. 9 & Extension and No. 40 & Extension $432 81

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the First Ward of the City of Coldwater:

For state tax	$2639 21
For county tax	1775 19
For school tax	3605 54

Also that there be re-assessed upon lot commencing at northeast corner of lot 10, running thence north about nine rods to the southwest corner of land formerly owned by Josephine Fuller, thence east to Parrish land, thence south on west side of said land three rods, thence east six rods, thence south six rods, to land owned by Ford, thence north to beginning, Peckham's addition, delinquent tax for 1898, the amount of $1.07. Description "imperfect" as given by the Auditor General.

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Second Ward of the City of Coldwater:

For state tax	$3528 28
For county tax	2372 66
For school tax	4820 25

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Third Ward of the City of Coldwater:

For state tax	$3081 09

For county tax 2071 91
For school tax 4209 15

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Fourth Ward of the City of Coldwater:

For state tax $2463 18
For county tax 1656 41
For school tax 3365 06

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Gilead:

For state tax	$1423 50	District No. 2 fr	97 25
county tax	957 25	3	50 00
township tax	300 00	4	120 00
highway tax	125 00	5	60 00
School tax, voted as follows:		6 fr G & M	56 60
District No. 1 fr G & B	46 94		

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor, Drains No. 3, 6, 8 and Langs Drain $1228 79

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Girard:

For state tax	$2438 74	Road District No. 27	10 00
county tax	1639 97	School tax, voted as follows:	
township tax	500 00	District No. 1	400 00
highway tax	300 00	2	100 00
Drain tax, township at large	217 25	4 fr G & U	102 97
bridge tax	1150 00	5	85 00
Scraper tax:		6	125 00
Districts 3, 9 & 13	55 80	7 fr G & U	41 85
14, 18, 23 & 26	53 10	7 fr G & B	122 63
for 100 chairs	50 00	8	125 00
Road District No. 5	25 00	10 fr	53 00
20	25 00	16 fr	14 63
24	25 09	9 fr	27 27
25	25 00		

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor $59 37

For Surveys assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to County Surveyor's statement to supervisor $43 50

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Kinderhook:

For state tax	$1121 00	highway tax	175 00
county tax	753 84	bounty tax	34 20
township tax	200 00	rent of hall tax	25 00

cemetery tax	100 00	District No. 2	125 00
School tax, voted as follows:		3	175 00
District No. 1	100 00	4	160 00

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor.....$254 78

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Matteson:

For state tax	$2135 54	District No. 4	125 00
bounty tax	1436 08	5	125 00
township tax	350 00	7	125 00
highway tax	350 00	8	50 00
county tax, mole	25 00	9	75 00
bounty tax, woodchuck	25 00	7 fr B B & M	17 64
School tax, voted as follows:		3 fr B & M	55 64
District No. 1 fr	113 83	8 fr S & M	26 28
2	75 00	3 fr S & M	43 85
3	80 00	4 fr Batavia & M.	9 14

Drain tax assessed upon particular description, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor..... $26 60

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Noble:

For state tax	$1086 01	School tax, voted as follows:	
county tax	730 30	District No. 1 fr	42 32
township tax	300 00	2	125 00
highway tax,	400 00	3	100 00
drain tax, township at large	69 28	4	85 00
Road Districts Nos. 1, 2, 8 & 10	22 60	5	80 00
3, 5, 9 & 13	18 18	6	120 00
bounty tax	122 00	6 fr G & N	47 20

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor.....$245 60

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Ovid:

For state tax	$1991 63	Morrison drain	2 27
county tax	1339 32	Quincy No. 9 and Extension	1 40
township tax	300 00	No. 40 and Extension	62 26
highway tax	1000 00	Betts Drain and Extension	2742 60
Highway tax, special:		bounty tax	202 09
Dist. No. 20 for Road Machine	24 09	School tax, voted as follows:	
21 " "	17 40	District No. 5 fr B & O	3 00
22 " "	11 91	1	180 00
24 " "	14 39	2	125 00
Drain tax:		3 fr O & B	105 84
Rappalyea No. 27	85 02	4	120 00

District No. 5	150 00	District No. 2 fr C A & O	38 19
6	100 00	3 fr C & O	27 00
7 fr O & K	50 39	8 fr C & O	22 83
8	135 00	6 fr B & O	8 94
9	100 00		

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor.....$5649 68

For delinquent tax of 1898, to be reassessed upon east ½ of northwest fr ¼ Sec. 30, 7 south 6 west, 30 acres, the amount of $2.18, also the tax for 1896 on the same description, which is included. Acres or description wrong as given by the Auditor General.

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Quincy:

For state tax	$4891 55	School tax, voted as follows:	
county tax	3289 42	District No. 1	150 00
township tax	1400 00	2	3000 00
highway tax	1000 00	3	125 00
Drain tax, township at large	113 54	4	150 00
cemetery tax,	500 00	5 fr	100 52
memorial tax	40 00	6 fr	96 54
G. A. R stand	100 00	7	200 00
Road scraper tax:		8 fr	55 94
Districts No. 4, 5, 22, 37, 44 & 13	54 02	9 fr	98 47
27, 30 & 32	52 69	10 fr	51 66
		13 fr	6 75

For Drain tax assessed upon particular descriptions, as more fully appears by reference to township clerk's statement to supervisor $443 38

For delinquent tax of 1898 on N D S middle part of lot 105, the amount of $4.52, the Auditor General gives it as "indefinite." Also to be re-assessed on lot No. 20, Sec. 16 N D the tax of 1898, amount $1.73, and on the south part of lot 75, Sec. 21 S D the tax of 1898, amount 88 cents.

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Sherwood:

For state tax	$2534 64	District No. 3 fr	1156 15
county tax	1704 46	4	80 00
township tax	300 00	5	150 00
highway tax	300 00	6 fr	17 07
drain tax	1 40	7	40 00
School tax, voted as follows:		8 fr	98 72
District No. 1	40 09	11 fr	41 85
2	125 00		

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Union:

For state tax	$4523 26	District No. 6	125 00
county tax	3041 75	7 U & G	42 24
township tax, including $1800		8	125 00
for iron bridge	2940 00	9 U & B	91 14
highway tax	1000 00	10 U & G	25 69
School tax, voted as follows:		11 U & S	78 14
District No. 1	115 00	12 U & S	9 90
2	4991 46	13 U & B	49 77
5	150 00	14 U & Batavia	98 95

For rejected tax of 1898 to be re-assessed upon the property described as lots 12, 13, 14, 51, 52, 53, block 2 and north ½ of lots 6 and 7, block 19, the amount of $7.94, the Auditor General giving it as erroneously rated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED C. MYERS,
C. MCKAY,
G. B. HOOPINGARNER,
Committee

Supervisor Stevens moved that the Clerk be authorized to draw an order for $10 00 in favor of Supervisor Myers for committee work, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Wicker presented the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion prevailed.

RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch, that we congratulate the Board of Superintendents of the Poor on the greatly improved condition of the buildings at the County Farm, the very decided improvements in the sanitary condition, the many conveniences provided for the comfort of the inmates, and the splendid new heating plant which they have in successful operation. Also that we commend Manager Short and wife for the neat and cleanly appearance of all parts of the grounds and buildings, for the careful conduct of the affairs of the farm, and for the kindly feeling and words of praise which those unfortunates consigned to their care express for them.

Robert G. Chandler was heard relative to the proposed new heating plant for the County Jail.

Supervisor Benton moved that the Board adjourn until Monday, Jan. 7, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., which motion prevailed.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

Statement of Accounts allowed by the Board of Supervisors.

SCHEDULE OF CLAIMS.

SCHEDULE NOS. 1 TO 106 INCLUSIVE.

	Name. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed.
1.	D. C. Allen & Co., hardware, etc	$ 9 06	$ 9 06
2.	Frank Shepard, annotations	2 00	2 00
3,	Geo. W. Barker, livery	8 00	8 00
4.	Callaghan & Co., law books	27 00	27 00
5.	Richmond & Backus Co., supplies	63 08	63 08
6.	Thling Bros. & Everard, supplies	57 00	57 00
7.	W. M. Welch Co., supplies	3 00	3 00
8.	Wilson Humphreys & Co., supplies	29 00	29 00
9.	West Publishing Co., supplies	15 00	15 00
10.	The Edward Thompson Co., supplies	114 00	114 00
11.	Doubleday Bros. & Co., supplies	278 90	276 90
12.	Chas. U. Champion, expenses	47 02	47 02
13.	Peter B. Bogart, supplies	12 00	12 00
14.	W. L. Robinson, game warden	85 50	85 50
15,	E. W. Benton, insane case	3 12	3 12
16.	S. L. Kilbourn, soldiers' relief committee	8 60	8 60
17.	W. B. Bushnell, insane case	3 50	3 50
18.	T. A. Hilton, clothing for prisoners	4 10	4 10
19.	S. L. Kilbourn, soldiers' relief committee	12 10	12 10
20.	B. R. Moore & Son, shoes	1 00	1 00
21.	W. H. Wieand, soldiers' relief committee	6 30	6 30
22.	W. H. Wieand, Supt. of the Poor	345 75	345 75
23.	C. H. Brown, carpenter work	3 38	3 38
24.	Courier and Republican, printing	61 65	61 65
25.	Coldwater Sun, printing	130 45	130 45
26.	G. E. Kleindinst, printing	28 28	28 28
27.	Star Publishing Co., printing	28 55	28 55
28.	Warren A. Blye, justice	14 80	14 80
29.	Warren A. Blye, justice	40 15	40 15
30.	Warren A. Blye, justice	7 25	7 25
31.	Geo. M. White, justice	111 25	111 25
32.	M. M. Brown, justice	33 33	33 33
33.	C. D. Randall, justice	18 85	18 85

Name. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed.
34. C. D. Randall, justice	13 35	13 35
35. Milo Thompson, justice	13 90	13 90
36. Dwight E. Youngs, justice	3 60	3 60
37. L. P. Wilcox, justice	5 50	5 50
38. J. H. Montague, justice	45 30	45 30
39. H. W. Wimer, expenses	36 35	36 35
40. C. R. Osborn, photographs	2 75	2 75
41. J. H. Montague, coroner	4 35	4 35
42. J. H. Montague, coroner	14 98	14 93
43. S. G. Ray, livery	5 50	5 50
44. Van Aken Bros., livery	9 00	9 00
45. Diamond & Diamond, livery	2 00	2 00
46. Martin Wackenhut, game warden	3 00	3 00
47. D. G. Blair, goods destroyed by Health officer	53 35	53 35
48. J. H. Clark, appraiser	1 00	1 00
49. J. V. Allen, appraiser	1 00	1 00
50. G. A. Burton, digging grave	3 00	3 00
51. G. A. Burton, digging grave	3 00	3 00
52. Lena Williams, annotating statutes	7 50	7 50
53. N. Baldwin, M. D., insane case	8 00	8 00
54. N. Baldwin, insane case	5 70	5 70
55. N. Baldwin, insane case	5 00	5 00
56. N. Baldwin, insane case	5 80	5 80
57. E. F. Gamble, M. D., insane case	8 00	8 00
58. E. F. Gamble, insane case	5 80	5 80
59. E. F. Gamble, insane case	5 80	5 80
60. E. F. Gamble, insane case	5 70	5 70
61. E. F. Gamble, insane case	5 70	5 70
62. E. F. Gamble, insane case	5 80	5 80
63. E. F. Gamble, insane case	5 80	5 80
64. E. F. Gamble, insane case	8 00	8 00
65. D. D. Cunningham, M. D., insane case	8 00	8 00
66. D. D. Cunningham, insane case	7 00	7 00
67. D. D. Cunningham, insane case	9 20	9 20
68. D. D. Cunningham, insane case	5 00	5 00
69. D. D. Cunningham, insane	5 80	5 80
70. D. D. Cunningham, insane	5 00	5 00
71. D. D. Cunningham, insane	5 80	5 80
72 F. G. Legg, insane	5 70	5 70
73. F. G. Legg, insane case	5 70	5 70
74. F. G. Legg, medicine	1 00	1 00
75. Wm. Wilson, insane case	5 70	5 70
76. Wm. Wilson, "	5 80	5 80
77. Wm. Wilson "	6 80	6 80

Name. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed.
78. S. Shultz, M. D. "	5 00	5 00
79. S. Shultz, "	2 00	2 00
80. G. V. Voorhees, "	6 80	6 80
81. Rob. Frazer, M. D. "	9 20	9 20
82 T. J. Turner, M. D. "	5 00	5 00
83. T. J. Turner, "	5 00	5 00
84. T. J. Turner, insane case	5 00	5 00
85. Geo. Slocum, M. D. "	5 00	5 00
86 Chas. Hamilton, surveyor	20 00	20 00
87 J H. Montague, coroner	8 10	8 10
88 Burrows & Harris, burying deceased indigent soldier	31 50	31 50
89 Burrows & Harris, burying deceased indigent soldier	38 00	38 00
90 Burrows & Harris, burying deceased indigent soldier	38 00	38 00
91 Ruple & Turner, burying deceased indigent soldier	37 50	37 50
92 T D Fellows, soldiers' relief committee	6 14	6 14
93 Volney Sweeting, drain commissioner	157 20	157 20
94 M F Hiesrodt, deputy marshal	18 90	18 90
95 W W Herendeen, sheriff	72 50	72 50
96 " "	152 50	152 50
97 " "	47 68	47 68
98 " "	55 62	55 62
99 " "	130 00	130 00
100 D. C. Card, deputy sheriff	350 33	350 33
101 Wm. J. Sweet, deputy sheriff	6 75	6 75
102 Edwin Dubendorf, constable	2 00	2 00
103 Edwin Dubendorf, constable	3 00	3 00
104 Jas. Hartford, marshal	21 75	21 75
105 H. W. Barnes, constable	22 95	22 95
106 City of Coldwater, boarding prisoners	6 75	6 75

SCHEDULE NOS. 107 TO 119 INCLUSIVE.

107 D. H. Wood, M. D., insane case	8 00	8 00
108 D. W. Dodge, superintendent of the poor	69 25	69 25
109 Howe & Legg, annotations	7 00	7 00
110 A. G. Stevens, committee work	4 50	4 50
111 Geo. W. Paul, insane case	5 00	5 00
112 Coldwater Reporter, printing	18 44	18 44
113 Quincy Herald, printing	1 75	1 75
114 B. M. Fellows, expenses	30 25	30 25
115 W. W. Herendeen, sheriff	677 79	677 79
116 Henrietta Herendeen, washing for prisoners	86 82	86 82
117 D H Paul, constable	18 00	18 00
118 R. D Wiser, constable	17 50	17 50
119 Geo W Paul, assisting sheriff	4 00	4 00

SCHEDULE NOS. 120 TO 125 INCLUSIVE.

120	C. U. Champion, work in drain case	25 00	25 00
121	" " "	10 00	10 00
122	" " "	25 00	25 00
123	E. Blackman, superintendent of poor	46 50	46 50
124	C. D Wicker, committee work	5 25	5 25
125	G. K. Whiting, township treasurer	14 90	14 90

SCHEDULE NOS. 126 TO 135 INCLUSIVE.

126	J. B Branch & Co , linoleum	11 00	11 00
127	G E Kleindinst, printing	2 50	2 50
128	W. W. Herendeen, sheriff	56 85	56 85
129	D. A Buck, marshal	5 00	5 00
130	J. N Fisk, constable	79 35	79 35
131	D. A Buck, marshal	160 36	160 36
132	L. F Berry, constable	9 07	9 07
133	M. Vosburgh, justice	42 90	42 90
134	C. B. Merrifield, constable	10 50	10 50
135	B. M. Fellows, recording, etc	194 25	194 25

JANUARY SESSION.

JANUARY SESSION, FIRST DAY, MONDAY, Jan. 7, 1901.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch, met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors' Room, in the city of Coldwater, on Monday, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1901.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

The account of George M. White was received and referred to the Committee on Justices' Accounts.

The accounts of H. A. Bates and five others were received and referred to the committee on printing.

The account of William W. Herendeen and fifteen others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs' and Constables' Accounts.

The account of A. E. Morrison and thirty-one others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims

The official bonds of Milo Thompson, Joseph H. Montague, Hezekiah Sweet, Charles B. Hill, Milan M. Brown and Wallace E. Wright, were received and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Chairman announced the appointment of Supervisor Stevens in place of Supervisor Bushnell on Committee on settlement with County Treasurer.

Moved by Supervisor Stevens that Supervisor Myers be excused from attendance at this session, but receive full pay for the session.

Supervisor Stevens moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m., which motion prevailed.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

JANUARY SESSION, SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1901.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch, met pursuant to adjournment in the Supervisors' Room, in the City of Coldwater, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1901.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of L. Farwell asking relief from assessment of 1898 in which he claims an injustice was done him by Girard township, was read by the clerk, and on motion of Supervisor Olds the petition was tabled.

A communication from E. J. Wright, of Lansing, relative to taxation, and tax titles was read and ordered placed on file.

A communication from Henry Seymour, County Treasurer, relative to the settlement with the County Treasurer in 1899, was received. and on motion of Supervisor Cox the matter was referred to the Committee on settlement with the County Treasurer.

The account of W. H. Wieand and 15 others, were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The account of James N. Fisk and two others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs' and Constables' Accounts.

The account of Joseph H. Montague and three others were received and referred to the Committee on Justices' Accounts.

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper committees duly audited and allowed.

Names.	Service.	Claimed.	Allowed.
E F Gamble, M D,	insane case	$ 9 60	$ 9 60
" " "	examination of insane case	5 80	5 80
The Schwaab Seal Co,	band dater	2 69	2 69
B M Fellows,	recording	235 09	235 09
Dr E Blackman,	medical services	22 50	22 50
E E Palmer,	indigent and insane	40 00	40 00
Doubleday Bros & Co,	supplies	145 02	145 02
Ball Bros,	wash tray for jail	8 50	8 50
Adams & Davis,	lumber	77	77
Doubleday Bros,	supplies for clerk, probate, etc	171 14	171 14
M J Rawson,	burial deceased soldiers	120 00	120 00
Will L Robinson,	game warden	42 50	42 05
D D Cunningham, M D,	insane case	5 60	5 60
E F Gamble, M D,	insane	5 80	5 80
E F Gamble, M D,	insane case	15 00	15 00
Dr N Baldwin,	examination in insane case	5 80	5 80
Dr N Baldwin,	examination in insane case	5 80	5 80
D D Cunningham, M D,	medical	15 00	15 00
M W Wimer,	supplies for office	17 57	17 57
A E Morrison,	blanks	5 50	3 50
Ihling Bros & Eberard,	supplies	23 70	23 70
G A Nichols,	district canvass	5 30	5 30
William Wilson, M D,	insane case	9 60	9 60
Wilson Humphrey & Co.,	supplies	59 75	59 75
Richmond Backus & Co,	supplies	48 10	48 10
W M Welch and Co,	supplies for commissioner	8 35	8 35
Chandler Hardware Co,	linoleum	14 50	14 50
Dr William Wilson,	examination insane case	5 80	5 80
Dr F G Legg,	examination insane case	5 70	5 70
B M Fellows,	expense account	11 25	11 25
Quincy Herald,	printing	8 40	8 40

Name. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed
John S Evans printing	19 80	19 80
George M White, justice	23 20	23 20
Wm W Herendeen, board of prisoners	60 55	61 55
Henry W Barnes, constable	14 50	14 50
M M Brown, justice	4 05	4 05
Henrietta L Herendeen, washing for prisoners	11 94	11 94
William J Sweet, deputy sheriff	5 00	5 00
R D Wisner, constable	3 75	3 75
Frank Cosier, order of sheriff	2 00	2 00
Alexander Thompson, deputy sheriff	6 50	6 50
Geary J Perrine, deputy sheriff	18 62	18 62
Mark F Hiesrodt, constable	14 00	14 00
Daniel C Card, deputy and under sheriff	117 90	117 90
Henrietta L Herendeen, services of sheriff	198 49	198 49
Charles B Merrifield, constable	3 80	3 80
Henrietta E Herendeen, work of H W Barnes for Sheriff	103 05	103 05
Frank Cosier, by order of sheriff	5 00	5 00

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the official bonds of Hezekiah Sweet, sheriff, Wallace E. Wright, County Clerk, and Register in Chancery, Milo Thompson and C B. Hill, Circuit Court Commissioners and Joseph A. Montague and Milan M. Brown Coroners, recommended that the same with their sureties in each case be approved, and by motion of Supervisor Lowry said bonds were approved and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor John Hoopingarner having been appointed in place of William B. Bushnell, resigned, was placed on the committee on roads and bridges.

The Agent of the West Publishing Company was heard relative to the purchase of a law library for the circuit court.

Motion by Supervisor Clizbe that the matter of the purchase of said library be left with Judge Yaple to act as he may deem best in the matter. On call of the yeas and nays the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Supervisors Clizbe, Olds and Lowry—Three.

Nays—Supervisors Poats, Fenner, John Hoopingarner, Paul, Wicker, Benton, Stevens, George B. Hoopingarner, Cox, Ogden, Judd, Willer, Waldron, McKay, Rathburn and Geer—Sixteen votes. Supervisor Myers being absent.

Moved by Supervisor Fenner that Thursday morning at eleven o'clock be made a special order for the election of a janitor which motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Cox that the Board adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning which motion prevailed.

JAMES. S. OGDEN, Chairman.

JANUARY SESSION, 3RD DAY. WEDNESDAY January 9, 1901.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to ad-

journment in the Supervisors Room in the city of Coldwater on Wednesday the 9th day of January, A. D. 1901.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

A petition for Local Option election was received from the Third Ward of the city of Coldwater, signed by C. W. Bennett and 42 others. Petition was recived and ordered placed on file.

The official bond of Henry Seymour, county treasurer, was received and referred by the Chairman to the Ways and Means Committee.

The account of D A. Buck and three others were received and referred to the committee on sheriff's and constables accounts.

The account of F. D. Jones, which was acted upon at yesterday's session, was by motion of Supervisor Lowry referred back to the committee on sheriffs and constables accounts for further consideration.

The account of the Branch County Savings Bank and seven others were received and referred to the committee on miscellaneous claims.

The account of C. H. Newell and one other was received and referred to the committee on printing.

A bill of Four hundred and ninety-eight dollars ($498) was received from the West Publishing Company for a law library sent here last October without authority of the Board. By motion of Supervisor Lowry the Clerk was instructed to notify said Company that the library above referred to was here subject to their orders.

The following accounts were referred back and on recommendation of the proper committees duly audited and allowed:

Names. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed
Newell & Turner, printing	5 50	5 50
G. E. Kleindinst, printing	7 25	7 25
H. A. Bates, supplies and printing	72 00	72 00
Courier and Republican, printing	86 50	86 50
Coldwater Sun, printing	107 00	107 00
T J Nixon, deputy sheriff	42 75	42 75
James N. Fisk, deputy sheriff	31 45	31 45
Joseph H Montague, justice	11 40	11 40
C D. Randall, justice	4 75	4 75
Milo Thompson, justice	13 85	13 85
W. H Wieand, superintendent of the poor	117 00	117 00
A. G Stevens, insane case	3 00	3 00
F O. Hutchins, burial deceased soldier	40 00	40 00
Rheubottom & Co,. funeral attendance	3 00	3 00
Wilson Humphrey & Co,. supplies	11 60	11 60
Sam L. Kilberne, soldiers'	23 60	23 60
Ethel Smead, insane case	3 75	3 75
S. J. Sipes, quarentine case	17 50	17 50
Dr Cunningham, medical service	1 00	1 00

M. F Buell, agent soldiers' relief	21 00	21 00
Henry Corbin, digging grave	2 50	2 50
Michigan Soldiers' Home, coffin and expenses	15 50	15 50

Supervisor Olds moved that a special Committee be appointed to look up the matter of the communication of Henry Seymour relative to the settlement with Mr Miner in 1899 relieving the present committee on settlement with the Treasurer of this work. The motion prevailed. As such committee the Chairman appointed Supervisors Cox, Lowry and John Hoopingarner. Supervisor Cox offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion prevailed:

RESOLVED, That one thousand copies of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors for the year 1900 be printed in pamphlet form together with the report required by law, the work to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Printing, to be completed as soon as March 1st, 1901, and the party receiving the job be required to give the same one insertion in a newspaper published in said county, and that the County Clerk distribute said Journals to the several supervisors in proportion to population of the township and wards and upon completion of the work the Committee on Printing to draw an order on the County Treasurer for the amount contracted to be paid. Said job to be let to the lowest bidder for the completion of the same. Resolution was adopted.

By common consent an agent for toilet fixtures was heard. The matter was referred to the Committee on County Poor and County Property.

Supervisor Wicker moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

JANUARY SESSION. FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, Jan. 10, 1901.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch, met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors' Room in the City of Coldwater, on Thursday, Jan. 10, A. D. 1901.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

The account of F. J. Reed and ten others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The account of Volney Sweeting was received and referred to the Committee on Drains.

The account of the Union City Register was received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper committees were duly audited and allowed:

Name. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed.
L. F. Berry, constable	$ 1 20	$ 1 20
R. J. Craft, constable	2 00	2 00
Will L. Robinson, printing	6 30	4 20

Branch County Savings Bank, interest	93 14	93 14
Charles D. Wicker, for county farm	6 00	6 00
C. U. Champion, prosecuting attorney	5 00	5 00
Waite & Wicker, supplies at county farm	23 73	23 73
H. B. Wilmarth, burial of deceased soldier	4 45	4 45
C. U. Champion, prosecuting attorney	35 00	35 00
D. W. Dodge, superintendent of the poor	25 50	25 50
F. D. Jones, deputy sheriff	21 25	21 25

The Committee on Settlement with the County Clerk submitted the following report, which on motion of Supervisor Fenner was accepted and placed on file:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on settlement with the County Clerk, would respectfully report that they have examined the books and vouchers of R. M. Fellows, the retiring County Clerk, and find as follows: That there have been commenced during the year 38 civil cases, in which the county is entitled to $2 in each case, or $76. That there have been tried in the Circuit Court three jury civil cases, in which the county is entitled to $6 in each case, or $18 That there have been issued from the clerk's office during the year 27 hunters' licenses, in which the county is entitled to 50 cents for each license, or $13.50. That there has been paid into the circuit court during the year in the way of fines the sum of $1063, making a total of $1170.50, which has been turned over to the county treasurer and properly receipted for.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Rathburn,
Albert Geer,
George W. Paul,
Committee.

The hour for the special order having arrived for the election of a janitor the Chairman appointed Supervisors Paul and Fenner as tellers.

A ballot was had with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast nineteen (19).

Hosea Conant received eleven votes	11
W. F. Lumbard received five votes	5
Daniel Immel received one vote	1
R. S. Dunham received one vote	1
John Phibbs received one vote	1

Hosea Conant having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected janitor for the ensuing year.

The following report of the Judge of Probate was received and on motion of Supervisor Stevens was accepted and placed on file.

State of Michigan, County of Branch—ss. }
Probate Court for Said County. }

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

In compliance with Section 23, Act 135, Laws of 1885, I submit the follow-

ing report of indigent insane persons admitted to the Asylum for insane from the probate office of Branch county since Jan. 2, 1900:

Lavinia Brooks, pauper insane; admitted Jan. 4, 1900.
James Murphy, indigent insane; admitted March 12, 1900, Quincy.
Lyda Brown, indigent insane; admitted April 6, 1900, Matteson.
James Canfield, indigent insane; admitted April 19, 1900, Coldwater.
Chauncey Rouse, indigent insane; admitted May 2, 1900, Coldwater.
Orrin R. Smith, indigent insane; admitted May 2, 1900, Bronson.
Phila A. Dake, indigent insane; admitted Sept. 21, 1900, Coldwater.
John Mellen, pauper insane; admitted September 13, 1900, Coldwater.
Eliza Smith, pauper insane; admitted Oct. 25, 1900, Coldwater.
Alice Snooks, indigent insane; admitted Nov. 8, 1900, Noble.
Ethel Smead, indigent insane; admitted Nov. 24, 1900, Bethel.
Alice R. Dumont, indigent insane; admitted Dec. 5, 1900, Coldwater.
Maryetta Burdette, indigent insane; admitted Dec. 14, 1900, Kinderhook.
Dated Dec. 31, 1900.

ELMER E. PALMER, Judge of Probate.

On motion of Supervisor Rathburn the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

JANUARY SESSION. FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY, Jan. 11, 1901.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors' Room in the City of Coldwater, on Friday, Jan. 11, 1901.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The accounts of Collins & Lockwood and eight others were presented and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The following accounts were referred back, and on recommendation of the proper committees were duly audited and allowed:

Names.	Service.	Claimed	Allowed.
Volney Sweeting,	drain commissioner	$48 00	$48 00
Collins & Lockwood,	brooms	1 75	1 75
F. J. Reed,	supplies for clerk	10 03	10 03
W. E. Wright,	postage and express	1 25	1 25
V L. Nettleton,	repairing chair	50	50
Chas. U. Champion,	prosecuting attorney	6 25	6 25
Chas. U. Champion,	prosecuting attorney	35 00	35 00
Chas. U. Champion,	prosecuting attorney	36 00	36 00
Union City Register,	printing	5 25	5 25

Special Committee on settlement of the matter of the Seymour and Miner differences ask more time, which was granted.

Supervisor Wicker, Chairman of the Committee on County Poor and County Property submitted the following report which was accepted and placed on file.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch:

Gentlemen:— Your Committee on County Poor and County Property would respectfully report in the matter of heating the jail building with steam, authorized by your Honorable Body at its last session, that they have installed what is known as the Ideal Sectional Boiler, complete with fifteen radiators, boiler and service pipes covered with asbestus, and we believe we shall be able to effect a saving of at least one-third in the amount of fuel consumed and heat the building better than it has ever been heated. Also that we have contracted for and soon will have in operation a shower bath in the south-east corridor of the jail with hot and cold water supply. Also that we have connected a drain from the laundry tub in the basement to the cess-pool in the rear of jail building. Also that the roof of the jail building, the barn and roof have been painted two coats

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. WICKER,
WILLIAM T. LOWRY,
FRANK L. COX,
Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Fenner the Board now adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman

JANUARY SESSION, SIXTH DAY, SATURDAY, Jan. 12, 1901.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors' Room, in the City of Coldwater, on Saturday, Jan. 12, 1901.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The account of D. C. Allen & Co., was received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The account of Mortimer Vosburgh was received and referred to the Committee on Justices' Accounts.

The following accounts were referred back, and upon recommendation of the proper committee were duly audited and allowed.

Names. Service.	Claimed.	Allowed.
Mortimer Vosburgh, justice	$ 58 25	$ 58 25
Frank A. Allen, under sheriff	518 04	400 00
D. A. Buck, deputy sheriff	46 45	46 45
Don Q. Wilber, deputy sheriff	10 00	10 00
Gerrie A. Pitcher, deputy sheriff	4 00	4 00
J. S. Buckley, soldiers' relief	6 59	6 59
D. C. Allen & Co., hardware	5 43	5 43
George W. Barker, repairs on buggy	2 50	2 50
Frank Cox, insane case	3 80	3 80
Frank Cox, county poor	6 00	6 00

Supervisor Olds, Chairman of the Committee on Settlement with the

County Treasurer, submitted the following report which, upon motion of Supervisor Benton was accepted and ordered placed on file.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Settlement with County Treasurer respectfully submit the following report:

The receipts and disbursements for the year 1900, are as follows:

State Tax:

			Overdrawn.
Receipts	$64,058 33	.....	.....
Disbursements	64,058 33	.....	.....

Supervisors Orders:

Receipts	6,000 00	1899,	$ 8,667 41
Disbursements	9,378 86	1900,	3,378 86
			12,046 27

Superintendents of Poor Fund:

Receipts	7,071 56	1899,	2,774 21
Disbursements	13,853 36	1900,	6,781 80
			9,556 01

Witness Orders:

Receipts	300 00	1899,	77 62
Disbursements	309 85	1900,	9 85
			87 47

Jury Orders:		On hand.	Overdrawn.
Receipts	1,816 18	.....	.....
Disbursements	1,671 40	$ 144 78	.....

Salaries:

Receipts	4,000 00	.....	.....
Disbursements	4,371 00	.....	$ 371 10

Board of School Examiners:

Receipts	1,911 00	.....	.....
Disbursements	1,667 00	.....	.....

Soldiers Relief Fund:

Receipts	578 55	.....	.....
Disbursements	443 75	134 80	.....

Primary School Fund:

Receipts	14,632 90	.....	.....
Disbursements	14,220 40	412 50	.....

		On Hand.	Overdrawn.
Library Fund:			
Receipts	$ 648 50		
Disbursements	643 50		
Incidental Fund:			
Receipts	9,469 37		
Disbursements	4,809 63	$4,659 74	
Delinquent Tax:			
Receipts	1,594 45		
Disbursements	1,192 97	401 48	
Circuit Court Orders:			
Receipts	34 29		
Disbursements	30 00	4 29	
House of Correction:			
Receipts	400 00		
Disbursements	338 13	61 87	
Insane Asylum Orders:			
Receipts	1,982 75		
Disbursements	1,134 29	848 46	
Institute Fund:			
Receipts	234 25		
Disbursements	125 75	108 50	
Hunters' Licenses:			
Receipts	13 50	13 50	
Inheritance Tax Fund:			
Receipts	95 70	95 70	
Surveyor Fund:			
Receipts	55 80		
Disbursements	54 58	1 22	

DRAIN ACCOUNT.

Algansee	Rec'd.	Paid.	On Hand.	Overdrawn.
Stowe Creek Drain	$ 13 36		$ 13 36	
George Drain	1 13		1 13	
Gray Drain	3 22		3 22	
Hendrich Drain	20 14		20 14	
Ransom Drain	13 73		13 73	
Butler				
Burch & Lucas Drain	405 80	390 78	15 02	
Brown Creek Drain	12 22	11 75	47	
Soap Creek Drain	56			
Alden Drain No. 3	14 02		14 02	
Vicory & Mansfield Drain	4 42		4 42	
Wood Drain	15 14		15 14	
Knowles Drain	8 08	3 00	5 08	

Warren Creek Drain	16 00		16 00	
Mansfield Drain	5 42		5 42	
Butler No. 38	10 68		10 68	
Holmes & Evans	62		62	
Batavia				
Batavia No 7	15		15	
No 11				06
No 17	75		75	
No 19	5 20		5 20	
No 32	335 49	306 44	29 05	
No 5	42 56	42 56		
No 3 and extension Batavia. C G and U drain	98			
Bronson				
Adams drain No 19	50 08		50 08	
Havens drain No 17	4 65		4 65	
Dailey's Drain No. 35	227 31	225 74	5 75	
Bronson No. 10	273 85	283 81	04	
Shippy Drain No. 34	762 94	760 34	2 60	
Earl Drain No. 1	5 33		5 33	
Dunn Drain No. 20	9 18		9 18	
County Drain No. 25	8 39		8 39	
Bronson and Bethel No. 4	31		31	
Bronson & Bethel Nos. 4 & 1.	374 33	367 33	7 00	
Bronson No. 16	10 41		10 41	
Bronson, Bethel, Gilead & Noble	3 81	3 81		
Bethel:				
" No. 20	506 63	499 73	6 90	
" No. 2	3 65		3 65	
" No. 3				50
" No. 9	2 55	2 00	55	
" No. 15	16 40	14 00	2 40	
" No. 22	1 80		1 80	
" No. 23	5 44		5 44	
" No. 24	29		29	
" No. 26	64		64	
" No. 27	8 40		8 40	
" No. 28	3 03		3 03	
" No. 34	1 40		1 40	
" No. 35	23		23	
" No. 36	1 17		1 17	
" No. 10	30		30	

California:				
Pridgeon Drain	53		53	
Ditch No. 4	2 25		2 25	
Cass Drain	869 75	869 76		
Adams Joint Drain	591 38	584 41	6 97	
Hall drain	5 51		5 51	
Coldwater				
Alden Drain No 26	216 42	192 35	24 07	
Branch No 31	534 65	538 33		368 00
Branch No 2 of Branch drain.	22 76		22 76	
Girard				
Girard No 5	1 25		1 25	
County drain No 3	02		02	
County drain No 13	11 00		11 00	
County drain No 25	04		04	
County drain No 10	27 36		27 36	
Gilead				
Gilead No 4	19 21		19 21	
No 7	3 09		3 09	
No 9	2 44		2 44	
No 6	286 88	285 80	1 08	
Langs Drain	104 21	79 80	24 41	
Bethel & Gilead	25		25	
Kinderhook				
Kinderhook No 2	10 60		10 60	
" No 4	806 37	801 81	4 56	
" No 1	22 18	22 18		
Sheafer Drain	50		50	
Sheafer Drain No 6	2 98		2 98	
Sheafer Drain No 5	31		31	
Gilead and Kinderhook	8 67		6 67	
Matteson:				
Matteson No. 17	15 20	7 11	8 09	
" No. 21	330 46	331 34		88
" No. 16	184 54	184 59		05
Benton Drain	9 48		9 48	
Strong Drain	26		26	
Case Drain	30		30	
Rich Drain	52		52	
Mowry Drain	8 02		8 02	
McCarty Drain	7 30		7 30	
Holmes Drain	9 68		9 68	
Baker Drain	9 50		9 50	
Noble:				
Blasser Drain	50		50	
Himebaugh Drain	16 41		16 41	

Ovid:				
Betts Drain	80 16	80 16	.....	.....
Morrison Drain	35 15	35 15		
Branch 1 of Branch Drain	129 92	129 92		
Mowery Drain	87		87	.....
Sherwood:				
Kilbourne Drain	7 40	.....	7 40	.....
Stanton Drain	45 15	.....	45 15	.....
Hill Drain	23	.....	23	.....
Trimple Drain	8 98	.....	8 98	.....
Cline Drain	4 74	.....	4 74	.....
Spencer Drain	15 17	.....	15 17	.....
West Branch of Trimple Drain:				31
Blackwell Drain	17	.....	17	.....
Union:				.....
Union No. 15	8 31	.....	8 31	.....
" No. 2	3 31	.....	3 31	.....
" No. 7	3 40	.....	3 40	.....
" No. 9	3 31	.....	3 31	.....
" No. 10	3 31	.....	3 31	.....
" No. 11	6 31	.....	6 31	.....
" No. 20	6 31	.....	6 31	.....
" No. 16	12 29	.....	12 29	.....
" No. 17	3 31	.....	3 31	.....
" No. 21	4 18	.....	4 18	.....
" No. 22	17 24	.....	17 24	.....
Summit Drain	3 31	.....	3 31	.....
Speaker Drain	1057 01	.....	1057 01	.....

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of Henry Seymour, treasurer of Branch County, Michigan, for the year 1900, and find the county funds are overdrawn December 31, 1900, the sum of $14,217.37. Your Committee would further report that they find the sum of $112 73 belonging to the lost heirs of Polly Baker, the sum of $7.54 belonging to the lost heirs of John B. Wells, the sum of $4.44 belonging to William Demarest, the sum of $6.16 belonging to Mary Seachrist from the Richard Buys estate, the sum of $35.98 belonging to the estate of Charles Woodard deceased and 25 cents found on the body of Joseph Morris; also $130 belonging to the lost heirs of Delansen J. Sprague.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CLARENCE L. ODDS,
WILLIAM W. POATS,
A. G. STEVENS,
Committee.

The report of the Prosecuting Attorney was submitted and upon motion of Supervisor Rathburn was accepted and placed on file

COLDWATER, MICH., January 1, 1901.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith a report of the business of the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

Total number cases prosecuted..... 85
Total number of convictions..... 52
Total number acquitals..... 1
Total number dismissed on payment of costs..... 3
Total number nolle prossed..... 20
Total number discharged on examination..... 6
Total number settled..... 3

Being classified as follows:

Assault and Battery—Number prosecuted 9, number convictions 7, number dismissed on payment of costs 1, number discharged on examination 1. 1 gave bond to keep peace for six months, 1 sent to county jail for 15 days, 1 sent to county jail for 20 days, 1 fined $12.65, 1 fined $6 00, 1 fined $14.20, 1; fined $5.50

Adultery—Number prosecuted 2, number convictions 1, number nolle prossed 1. 1 fined $150 00.

Bastardy---Number prosecuted, 1: number convictions, I.

One fined and did pay $300.

Cruelty to Animals---Number prosecuted, 4; number convictions, 1; number nolle prossed, 2; number dismissed, 1; 1 fined $6.25.

Carrying Concealed Weapons---Number prosecuted, 2; number convictions. 1; number nolle prossed, 1; 1 sent to jail for 60 days.

Disorderly Persons---Drunkenness: Number prosecuted, 7; number convictions, 7; 1 sent to jail for 20 days, 1 sent to jail for 15 days; 1 fined $10.50.

Failure to Support Family---Number prosecuted, 1; number convictions, 1; 1 sent to jail for 60 days.

Juvenile Disorderly Persons---Number prosecuted. 1; number convictions,1; 1 sent to Adrian until she reached the age of 21 years.

Disorderly House---Number prosecuted, 2; number convictions, 2; 2 sent to jail for 20 days each.

Disturbing Religious Meeting---Number prosecuted, 2; number nolle prossed, 2.

Common Drunk—Number prosecuted 1, number convictions 1. 1 sent to jail for 30 days.

Fraudulent Disposition of Leased Property—Number prosecuted 2, number settled 2.

Game Law Violation—Number prosecuted 3, number convictions 1, number nolle prossed 2 1 fined $10.00.

Larceny over $25 00—Number prosecuted 5, number of convictions 5. 1 sent to Ionia for 2 years. 2 sent to Ionia for 1 year and 9 months each, 1 sent to Jackson for 4 years, 1 sent to Jackson for 5 years.

Larceny less than $25.00—Number prosecuted 10, number convictions 8

number acquittals 1 nolle prossed 1, 1 sent to Detroit for 60 days, 2 sent to jail for 60 days each, 1 sent to jail for 35 days. 3 sent to jail for 30 days each. 1 fined $15.70.

Larceny (Juvenile)—Number prosecuted 7, number convictions 5, number nolle prossed 2 4 sentences suspended, 1 sent to Lansing until 17 years old.

Larceny from the Person---Number prosecuted, 3; number discharged upon examination, 3.

Larceny from Dwelling House in Daytime---Number prosecuted, 2; number convictions, 1; number nolle prossed, 1. One sent to Ionia for one year.

Lewd and Lacivious Co-habitation---Number prosecuted, 4; number nolle prossed, 2; number discharged on examination, 2.

Liquor Law Violation: Keeping Saloon Open Sunday---Number prosecuted, 3; number convictions, 3. One fined $110. Two fined $55 each.

Keeping Saloon Open on a Holiday---Number prosecuted, 1; number convictions, 1. One fined $110

Selling Liquor to Minor---Number prosecutions, 1; number convictions, 1. One fined $85.

Open and Gross Lewdness---Number prosecuted, 2; number convictions, 1; number nolle prossed. 1 One sent to jail for six months.

Obtaining Money under false pretenses—Number prosecuted 2, number settled, costs paid 2

Practicing Medicine without a License—Number prosecuted 2, number nolle prossed 2.

Receiving Stolen Property less than $25.00—Number prosecuted 2, number convictions 2. 1 fined, $12.00, 1 sent to Detroit for 65 days.

Threatening to Kill—Number prosecuted 1, number nolle prossed 1.

Tax Law Violation—Number prosecuted 1, number convictions 1. 1 fined $500 00.

Selling Obscene Pictures—Number prosecuted 2, number nolle prossed.

Number Cases now Pending—Bastardy, 1, Selling Adulterated Goods, 1, Violation Liquor Law, 1

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES U. CHAMPION,
Prosecuting Attorney Branch Co

The report of the Committee which was appointed to investigate the title to the Fair Ground property was made by Supervisor Wicker. and by motion of Supervisor Lowry was accepted and placed on file

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch:

Gentlemen:—Your committee appointed to investigate the condition of the title to the Fair Ground property would respectfully report that we find as follows:

There was deeded to the Branch County Agricultural Society on December 8, 1862, the undivided one-half of 20 acres of land (the other one-half interest deeded to the Coldwater Agricultural and Breeders Association) the deed to the Agricultural Society contained the following stipulation: Subject also

to the further condition that if the said Branch County Agricultural Society shall cease to exist or shall cease to use said premises for fair grounds and other purposes properly appertaining to the objects and business of said Society, the same shall descend to and belong to the said County of Branch, subject to the control of the Board of Supervisors of said County as other lands belonging to the said County now are or hereafter may be, and two deeds of land made subsequent to the original purchase contained the same stipulation.

The Agricultural Society mortgaged this property to W. S. Hawley in April, 1883. for $2685 00, and again in October, 1886, for $800.00. There has been payments made on the mortgage enough to reduce principal to about $2800 which with accrued interest would bring Mr. Hawley's claim up to about $3500.00. Mr. Hawley has expressed a willingness to accept the principal sum or face of his mortgage in full settlement of his claim

The difficulty seems to be in ways and means of settling his claim should your Honorable Body feel so disposed

There has been suggested to this Committee two ways out of the dilemma, one of which is by an affirmative vote of the electors of the County and another by a friendly suit in Chancery to be brought by Mr. Hawley to determine title and adjust this claim. As to whether Mr. Hawley's is a valid claim or not this Committee is not prepared to say.

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. OLDS,
CHARLES D. WICKER,
FRANK COX.

Supervisor Cox moved that the Committee appointed to investigate ex-Treasurer Miner's books be discharged and a Committee of one appointed who shall secure the aid of an expert book-keeper and request the assistance of Mr. Miner.

That they commence at the beginning of Mr Miner's official term and investigate to the present time and report at the October session of the Board of Supervisors, and that the clerk be instructed to draw an order on the treasurer to pay said expert book keeper. Motion prevailed.

The chairman appointed Supervisor Cox as such committee.

Supervisor Wicker called the attention of the Board to the fact that the carpet in the public parlor of the jail was used largely by the public and had always been furnished by the sheriff. Supervisor Lowry moved that the clerk be instructed to draw an order on the treasurer for $16.25, the cost of the new carpet just purchased for said public parlor at the jail, said carpet to be the property of the county. Motion prevailed.

Supervisor Cox moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Chairman Ogden for his careful, impartial and courteous manner of conducting the sessions of the Board.

Supervisor Olds moved that the Board adjourn sine die.

JAMES S. OGDEN, Chairman.

JURY AND WITNESS ORDERS.

Ella Gardner	$ 48	Joseph Walsh	1 15
David Knowles	50	Mark Hiesrodt	1 50
Chas. Cluff	50	Burt Hoover	1 50
Charles Fonda	50	Nathaniel Taylor	1 50
Mrs. Robt. Rattray	48	Ed. Cornell	1 50
Robert Rattray	1 60	Jasper Foglesong	1 50
Lizzie Rattray	48	Henry Straight	1 50
L H. Gripman	50	Jesse Malarney	48
John Whitcomb	48	Geo. Slocum	48
Mark Hiesrodt	50	E S. Taylor	48
Wm. Lint	85	Ed. Dubendorf	48
Wm. B. Keller	50	W. P French	48
Florence Hiatt	48	Melvin Van Aken	48
Ona Thornton	48	A. A. Stetler	48
Fred Sherman	95	Bradford Corless	48
Ensign Olmstead	85	D B. D. Cady	48
Robert Miller	85	F. D. Taylor	1 50
Henry Seymour	85	Ida Cronk	1 72
Harry Dunham	1 32	Eliza Rattray	1 42
Wm. M. Price.	4 52	Samuel O. Larrabee	48
D. C. Card	85	Archie Jenkins	48
Abram Cuyler	2 05	Wm. Van Gilder	48
A. Benge	1 42	Nora Stoddard	48
Edward Benge	1 05	Chas. Duryea	48
Wm. Potter	1 50	C H. Woodcox	45
Frank McCormick	48	I. H. Kinyon	1 00
C. H. Houghtaling	1 00	A. H. Porter	1 65
George June	1 50	D. C. McKenzie	95
Calvin Parrish	1 05	F. A. Allen	88
C. D. Skinner	1 50	H. G. Judson	47
Fred Berry	1 22	Catharine Judson	45
Chas. Van Gilder	1 50	Chas Doris	1 15
Henry Soper	1 00	Leo Johnson	2 00
Allen Tallant	1 42	A. E. Buck	50
N. H. Dunham	1 42	W. A. Benjamin	55
Robert Kelso	85	Bion Whelan	5 95
Fred Marquart	1 50	Elmer Weaver	35
Dr. McTaggart	79	Jeff Nixon	85
Fay Adams	95	F. P. Myers	2 78
Ira Adams	85	H. A. Russell	1 35
C. E. Miner	57	Geo. Wilcox	1 35
Mina Griffin	48	David Homan	1 85
M. Vance	48	Frank Cosier	2 05
John Walsh	1 52	David A. Buck	48

Carl Boyer		68	E. A. Burns		60
Hannah Boyer		68	G. W Clement		75
David Knowles		50	L Robert Miller		85
Orrin W. Hoyt	1	15	A. J Ackley	1	10
William Deering	2	30	Georgiana Finney	1	10
George Norton	1	60	Echo Finney	1	10
Will Davis	1	70	Henry Wentworth		48
Charles DeLine	1	60	Henry Wentworth		48
H. N Bidelman		50	David A Buck		85
Mac Turner	4	00	R S Dunham		75
Warren Bailey	3	30	Jay Van Aken		75
Elijah Himebaugh	8	20	Ross Harding		48
Abraham Cuyler	2	50	Henry Seymour		48
William Fenno	2	60	A. D. Gregory		75
William Price	6	20	H. A. Graves	1	50
Clifford Langwell	1	70	Geo. Estlow	2	10
George W. Paul	5	35	Roy Carswell	2	20
Bert Dewey		50	Lotta De Noyelles	1	20
Geo T Culver		50	Chas. A. Harris		48
Ren Sinclair		48	H. N. Bidleman		75
W. B Langwell		80	Mabel Chase	1	20
James Hartford		85	William Burns		48
Frank Cozier		85	Gertrude Burns		48
Willie Day		85	B. B. Gorman		75
W. H. Milnes		48	Ed. Jeffrey		85
Silas Parker	1	50	Albert D Otis	1	18
M. D. Greening	1	50	T. P Riley	2	20
Abram Cuyler	1	50	Jefferson Nixon		75
Frank Gustafson	4	58	O. H. Seevey	1	00
Charles Moulton	4	58	F. L. Spore	1	00
Josephine B. Holden		58	Burr Osborn	1	00
C. J. Snyder		65	Geo. Whiting	1	00
Henry Rabien		65	Charles Hawley	1	00
John White		68	Lillie Strohm	1	70
B M, Fellows		75	Iva Burbanks	1	10
E. W. Treat		75	Betsey Thornton	1	10
Walter Crippen		48	L. Phillips		60
Mary Crippen		48	Dorothy Payne		60
J. Nixon		75	Gena Scoville		60
D D. Cunningham		48	Cora B. Cornell		60
M. C Dayton	1	50	W, H. Wilbur		60
James Pope	1	50	W. B Bushnell		75
S. B. Ryder	1	10	Jas. B. Olmstead	1	08
Thomas Osborn		75	O. W. Hoyt	1	30
Starr Akenhead		75	Daniel Warner		75

Eliza Branyan	75	Dr Van DeBee	1 75
Albert Burgduff	75	C. H. Dickinson	48
Clinton Himebaugh	75	Mrs. H Davis	1 10
Byron W Bray	2 05	Henry Norton	48
F. W Olley	60	Thomas Dexter	1 10
Asa B. Noble	2 55	S D.Garey	1 50
Edwin Goodwin	2 08	S. A. Smith	1 50

CIRCUIT COURT JUROR'S ORDERS

1340.	Adelbert A. Sherman	$ 2 20	1376.	Frank Payne	10 80
1341.	George Weller	2 20	1377.	John K. Sheets	32 00
1342	William Leworthy	12 60	1378.	L. W. Whitford	9 80
1343.	Frank Payne	12 80	1379.	Samuel Chestnut	36 20
1344.	Edwin Keesler	13 60	1380.	Albert Burgduff	35 20
1345	William Baxter	12 40	1381.	Morgan L. Tyler	8 80
1346	Charles Mohn	12 40	1382.	A. L. Smith	17 20
1347	Wm Baxter	12 40	1383.	Giles Adams	7 00
1348	Frank Payne	12 80	1384.	Uriah Ball	7 00
1349.	Chas Moon	12 40	1385.	E. H. Balsom	5 60
1350	Edwin Keeslar	13 60	1386.	Zenas Cobb	8 00
1351	L. W. Whitford	23 60	1387.	George Deye	6 60
1352.	John Carter	24 40	1388.	Franc s Forward	5 80
1353.	Ed Cornell	21 60	1389.	Benton Green	7 00
1354	Fayette McGinnis	18 40	1390.	Fred Hoskins	6 20
1355	Nathan Fetterly	14 40	1391.	Henry A. Hoover	4 20
1356.	William G Wing	28 00	1392.	Isaac Jones	6 40
1357	Wesley Albright	34 80	1393.	William H. Kerns	5 40
1358	N. H Andrus	25 80	1394.	George W. Lazenb	7 60
1359.	William Baxter	6 40	1395.	C. O. McDonald	6 40
1360.	Frank A Hibbard	24 60	1396.	Charles A. Mastin	7 00
1361.	Carl Griswold	34 80	1397.	Jacob Thomas	5 00
1362	John Carter	6 20	1398.	Henry Runyan	7 60
1363	Henry Straight	14 40	1399.	John Taylor	6 00
1364	Ed Cornell	4 80	1400.	T. W. Fegles	5 00
1365	S Boucher	24 60	1401.	J. D. Perks	6 60
1366	Edwin Keeslar	7 60	1402.	Henry Hughes	4 20
1367.	Samuel Stroh	14 40	1403.	Joachim Gattsch	4 20
1368	Homer P. Walling	25 00	1404.	Charles Earley	4 20
1369	J A Murphey	27 60	1405.	C. A. Conover	4 20
1370.	C Cosler	33 40	1406.	M. D. Calkins	4 20
1371.	Charles Goodman	38 40	1407.	G. E. Willis	5 20
1372	Frank S Kinyon	34 00	1408.	Joseph Mathie	6 80
1373.	Chancy Kellogg	40 00	1409.	Frank Atwater	2 20
1374	William Leworthy	29 20	1410.	C. E. Smith	5 60
1375	Charles Mohn	10 40	1411.	William B. Tuttle	4 20

1412. Emmet Gwin	22 40	1427. Noah Spade	22 00
1413. Charles Farrand	25 00	1428. Harry Green	25 60
1414. William J. Smalley	24 60	1429. A. F. Beard	21 40
1415. Theron Groves	26 40	1430. William C. Taylor	29 40
1416. Norman Potter	28 20	1431. Sam Knecht	22 00
1417. Timothy Goble	31 20	1432. J. W. Lytle	23 20
1418. R. B. Hollenbeck	27 60	1433. Lafayette Corey	23 20
1419. William H. Barrett	31 80	1434. Frank Keller	29 20
1420. Adam Freeman	32 40	1435. Hervey Olmstead	23 80
1421. David Binkley	38 40	1436. John Gamby, jr.	2 20
1422. Wellington Luce	32 40	1437. Emmet J. Gwin	11 20
1423. George W. Fowler	26 40	1438. Marcus F. Hiesrodt	14 60
1424. George W. Harding	16 60	1439. Charles A. Lee	14 60
1425. Harlow A Wirley	16 60	1440. William B. Tuttle	2 20
1426. Albert Marshall	21 40		

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